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LATEST OUTRAGE.

The forcible detention of a British vessel, the s.s. Taming, the only steamer of the China Navigation Company's fleet trading between Hongkong, Hoihow and Haiphong, is the latest outrage of officials under Cantonese direction, and at present, reasons for the action are unknown.

The incident occurred at Hoihow, for which port the Taming left on Thursday last week, with a large cargo and a number of passengers. Cantonese troops invaded Hainan Island recently, and have taken possession of the city of Hoihow, and it is stated in a message received to-day by a French Consular official that it is Government action which is responsible for the detention.

The news was received in a wireless message sent by one of the Taming's passengers, who with others was transferred to the s.s. Hanol, a French vessel operated by the Messageries Maritimes, which followed the Taming into Hoihow. The ship, he says, has been detained, and of course, it follows that her British officers are still on board.

Curiously enough the local agents, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, have so far had no news concerning the incident, though there is some confirmation in the fact that the Taming was due to leave Hoihow for Haiphong on Monday afternoon, and had she cleared according to schedule, she would have reached Haiphong yesterday.

A Telegraph representative was this morning informed that the Taming had a large cargo on board and she might possibly have been late in discharging, but the more pessimistic view seems the right one in view of the cable before mentioned.

The Taming, which is commanded by Capt. T. Lupton, was the vessel which carried our former Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, on his trip to Indo-China. She is a fairly old ship, of 2,220 gross, built in 1903 at Greenock to the order of the China Navigation Company. She is about three hundred feet in length, has a beam of some forty feet and is 20.6 feet in depth.

The lack of fuller information is due to the absence of telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Hoihow. The only means of communication is by letter and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire received a letter from their agents, stating that the vessel would leave on Monday. That she did not do so is evident, since telegraphic advice would have been received here of her arrival at Haiphong.

GERMAN MILITARISM.

REFORMS NOT CARRIED OUT.

Paris, Jan. 26.

French official circles attach much importance to the revelation in the report of the Inter-Allied Control Committee that Germany has done nothing to carry out the reforms in the military organizations and police transformation of munition factories on which the Allies insist before the military control of Germany passed into the hands of the League. A German semi-official statement, denying the assertion, says disarmament has been so vigorously prosecuted during the past months that a settlement of the majority of the points has already been concluded or is approaching.

COPING WITH BANDIT EVIL.

PROTECTING CANTON- KOWLOON RAILWAY.

NEW PATROL SCHEME.

Since the vigorous measures taken for the prevention and suppression of banditry in the East River district, which have resulted in such notorious leaders as Yuen Hui-kow, Yuen Moy-che, Poon On and others having taken flight, there has been a marked decrease in the frequency of piratical raids and depredations in that locality. There are, however, still large bands of bandits infesting the districts on the lower reach of the East River, especially near the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

In order to give better protection to the railway the route has now been divided into two sections. The first section, which is from Tai-sha-tau to Shek Lung, is under patrol of the 16th Division, formerly the 1st Independent Division under General Wu Te-ching, whilst the second section, from Shek Lung to Shum Chun, has the 2nd Division, under General Wong Kung-mow, to patrol it. General Tan Che-hing will be in command of the two sections, with headquarters at Shek Lung.

Within a radius of twenty miles of Shek Lung, where piracy is most frequent, extra guards are being put on to ensure safety to passengers travelling by launch ferries to and from the railway stations. These measures are said to have given much relief and satisfaction to the inhabitants.

The Kuomintang has issued a circular notice to all unions, associations, societies and corporations to elect delegates to attend a meeting, to be held on the 1st February, for the purpose of devising means for the suppression of banditry and the economic betterment of the people. It is felt that these questions cover so wide a range that except with the full co-operation of the people it will not be possible to carry out any scheme which will yield permanent results.

RAILWAY ROBBERIES.

TROOPS FIGHT WITH BANDITS.

Following the report of the robbery committed on the No. 3 down train from Shikwan to Canton, on the 23rd instant, it is reported that another case of robbery also took place on the No. 2 up express at a place near Ma-Par station on the same day. In this case, it is said, General Tai Ngo, of the 2nd Division of the 2nd Army Corps, was a passenger, having with him a company of soldiers. The express train was derailed near Ma-Par, the rails having been previously taken up by bandits, but no serious damage was caused.

Following this happening, the company of soldiers was ordered to take up positions on both sides of the railway line and give battle to the bandits. The result was that the bandits were defeated, about twenty being killed, whilst only slight injuries were suffered by a few of the troops.

INDO-CHINA'S GOVERNOR.

M. VARENNE'S MISSION.

Paris, Jan. 26.

In the course of a meeting of Ministers, the Minister for the Colonies signed a decree renewing the temporary mission of M. Varenne as Governor General of Indo-China.

The Minister also made known his intention of obtaining a decree again uniting the Colonial Academy of Science to the Ministry of Colonies.

TERRIBLE TALE.

KWANGTUNG VILLAGES IN RUINS.

WORK OF BANDITS.

A report sent to Canton by student propagandists attached to the 4th Army Corp describes the terrible condition of the districts around Luichow, as the result of depredations by brigands prior to the fall of the city to the Canton Army.

The report says that from An Poo to the city of Luichow, for sixty miles, with the exception of Yuet Sing Market, is one long stretch of barren ground with heaps of ruins where once were quiet and prosperous villages. From Nam Hing to Ying Lee no sign of life is to be seen. Ying Lee, previously was one of the largest and most prosperous market centres of the Chu Man district, now a ruin, with not a single soul living there. It is said that this market centre was pillaged and burnt, and hundreds of men, women and children were kidnapped by a large band of brigands. From Ying Lee to Chu Man city, the same horrible state of desolation exists, with only burnt ruins of villages. On this route dozens of human skeletons can be seen.

Proceeding further on to the Hoi On district, where there was formerly a population of over ten thousand souls, the city itself is in ruins, there being only a few old men and women to be seen, who describe how the city was burnt and sacked, and how some of the people were slaughtered and others driven away from their homes by force. The sight of human skeletons scattered about for miles is sufficient to corroborate this terrible tale. Arriving at last at the city of Chu Man, which escaped the ravages and depredations of the bandits, thousands of vagrants are to be seen huddled together in open spaces.

Such were the conditions in these places when the Canton Army took possession, and it is clear that much relief and restoration work will have to be carried out.

SKY SIGNS ILLEGAL.

CHINESE BUSINESS MAN FINED.

An usual charge came up for hearing before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the manager of the Wah On, a piece goods store, at 254, Des Voeux Road Central, was summoned for a breach of the advertisement regulations by displaying a sky sign over a public street, to wit, Des Voeux Road, which affected injuriously the amenities of that place.

Sergt. McFall, who prosecuted, said that the defendant had a banner stretched across the roadway between the front of the shop and a telegraph post.

The defendant pleaded that this banner served the purpose of announcing that there was a sale going on in the store. He pleaded that he was unaware that he was in that way committing a breach of the advertisement regulations.

A conviction was recorded and the defendant was fined \$10. The action foreshadows a campaign by the police against people committing such offences.

ARE TOY PISTOLS GUNS?

KNOTTY POINT FOR DECISION.

MAGISTRATE'S DILEMMA.

In connection with the ruling recently gazetted that toy pistols come under the regulations prohibiting the possession of firearms without a licence, Inspector Reynolds, who is in charge of the arms licences office, summoned a wholesale dealer in this class of toys before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning. The summons was taken out before the recent regulations against the possession of toy pistols were gazetted, and it was explained that the charge was brought actually under the Arms Ordinance of 1920.

His Worship inspected a number of samples, which were produced, and, testing the working of one of these toys, he remarked, "This seems to be a dangerous weapon, as it rings a bell."

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that in the wording of the Ordinance no definition was given of the form of a toy pistol. A pistol, which discharged a missile, was conceded to be a gun within the meaning of the Ordinance, and in this respect a pea-shooter might be regarded as being an offensive weapon. The pistols, in the present case, had no such arrangement for discharging a missile.

The Magistrate went on to read an extract from a gazette, issued to "Justices of the Peace," in which a query was raised whether a toy pistol which exploded a cartridge, but did not discharge any missile, could be held to be an offensive weapon, or an article which could be prohibited within the meaning of the Ordinance for the regulation of fire-works. Such a toy was neither the one nor the other, and could be regarded as a combination of both.

His Worship decided to remand the case while he referred the point to the Attorney General.

This case affects a large contingent of toy pistols now being held up in the godowns.

RENTS CASE.

ALLEGED IMPROPER REMOVAL.

A charge brought under the Rents Ordinance was remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, as an intimation was made that it was likely that the matter would be arranged outside the Court.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who was for the prosecution, said he was appearing for a client, who until lately was in occupation of 111, Bonham Strand, from which he removed, on intimation from the defendant, who is the landlord, that the building was to be completely demolished. That had not been done, and the charge was one of improper removal, complainant having been forced to leave the premises. The matter of compensation was under discussion, and if it was satisfactorily arranged, Mr. Lo would then ask His Worship to allow the case to be withdrawn. If not, he would ask His Worship to fix a day for the hearing.

The case was adjourned.

ECHO OF SPY CASE.

FRENCH DANCER ARRESTED.

Paris, Jan. 26.

There is a further development in the alleged spy case, which came into prominence in December, this being the arrest at Toulon of a twenty-three-year-old dancer, Mademoiselle Lotebvre, who it is alleged, corresponded with M. Leathes, acknowledging receipt of sums of money and promising to supply the information asked for.

MORRIS APPEAL.

RESPIRE FROM HARD LABOUR.

NEW LEGAL POINTS.

It was decided last evening, (says the Daily Chronicle of Dec. 22nd) to lodge an appeal on behalf of Hayley Morris and his wife, both of whom were sentenced at Lewes Assizes for conspiracy against girls at Pippingford Park.

A representative of Messrs. Withers and Co., solicitors, of Arundel-street, Strand, who are acting for both defendants, stated that the grounds of the appeal had not yet been definitely decided upon, and would occupy some days in preparation. "Several legal points will be raised," he said.

It is understood that these include the question of the medical evidence which the defence wished to call in regard to Mrs. Morris, and which the judge, Mr. Justice Avory, declined to hear.

In the final stages of the trial it was announced that Mrs. Morris would not be called because of the state of her health, and counsel for Hayley Morris, Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., then decided not to put him into the witness-box. Referring to the controversy, counsel said: "His lordship's ruling is final here, but it will be tested elsewhere."

Summing up, Mr. Justice Avory dealt with this aspect of the case, and observed that Mr. Oliver and Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett—the latter appearing for Mrs. Morris—had threatened him with the Court of Criminal Appeal "in the politest possible manner."

It is expected that the appeal will not be heard before the end of January, and in the meantime no tasks will be imposed upon Morris—who received sentence of two years' hard labour and a year's imprisonment—and his wife, who was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

"Pending the appeal the prisoners will be simply detained," explained an authority to a Daily Chronicle representative.

"A period of ten days as from the date of sentence is allowed in which to appeal, and a notice to this effect, setting forth the procedure, is displayed in the cells. Prisoners who contemplate appeal have no tasks imposed upon them. Nor is any required of them until after their appeal has been heard."

STOLEN PAPER.

TWO CHINESE SENTENCED.

Large sheets of paper, with trade marks printed on them, figured in a case which came before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning. Two Chinese were charged with the larceny of the paper, and with receiving the same, the property of the manager of the Tin Tsun printing press shop, 80, Stanley Street.

Sergt. McEwen said the first defendant was arrested on January 25th at midnight, in a lane at the back of Wellington Street, near the printing shop. The printed matter was found wrapped up in a quilt, which he claimed to belong to him. The second defendant was arrested as the result of enquiries in another case.

Major Willson said he could not see of what use the sheets were to the defendants, and Inspector McDonald said they were sold to marine hawkers in Lower Lascar Road, as scrap-paper.

Both defendants admitted the charge.

The first defendant was sent to prison for one month, and the second for six weeks.

NEW CANTON AVIATION PLANS.

A BIG ORGANISATION FORMED.

HELP FROM RUSSIA.

The Canton Government, recognising the importance of aviation, is planning to interest the public in flying and to secure their co-operation. There has therefore been established an organisation called the Aviation Enthusiasts' Union. This body has a membership of over three thousand, and thirty-six branch organisations have been formed throughout the province.

It is said that the Government will provide the organisations with aeroplanes for those who wish to learn to fly, and establish schools to teach technical knowledge. With such a big membership, it is hoped that sufficient contributions will be collected to enable the Government to erect a large factory in order to manufacture its own aeroplanes.

In connection with these reports, it is said that the Russian officer at the head of the Aviation Bureau, returned to Russia at the beginning of the strike for the purpose of securing assistance from the Soviet, and it is reported that this officer has been successful in his mission.

CANTON'S ARMY.

General Chang Kai-shek a few days ago inspected the 4th Regiment of the 1st Army Corps at Sa-Ho. It is said that the inspection lasted from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening, and that the regiment went through all kinds of drill, including field evolutions.

Two days later, the newly formed division called the 1st Super-Disciplined Division, composed of picked men who went through a special course of training, and commanded by General Wong Pok-ling, was subjected to rigid inspection for two days, whilst next day an inspection of the combined troops of the 2nd Division, under General Wong Kung-mow, and the 1st Super-Disciplined Division, took place, when a sham battle was fought between the two units. On the same evening General Chan Kai-shek entertained all the officers who took part in the manoeuvres.

THE "TUNGSHING."

EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

Divers have made a thorough examination of the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s s.s. Tungshing (which sank after colliding with the s.s. Empress of Asia off Black Point on January 11), but a report of the survey is not available for publication, says Shipping and Engineering of the 22nd Inst. We learn on excellent authority, however, that the hull of the vessel is already settling in the silt and that the damage, which extends from a point about 60-ft. from her stern is serious.

There is stated to be a strong doubt as to whether the Tungshing, in her present position and condition, would be worth the labour and expense that would be entailed in salvaging her, without occasioning further damage. As she lies practically in the main channel of navigation, however, it is certain that she will have to be removed—either whole or piecemeal—at the earliest possible date.

SHAMEEN DEPOSITS.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' REQUEST.

It is reported that the Canton General Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Committee of Political Affairs to permit depositors to enter Shameen so as to draw money from the foreign banks there for a period of ten days, in order to meet the requirements of the Chinese New Year. No reply has yet been received from the Committee.

PORT THIEVES.

LAST OF NOTORIOUS GANG.

EXCITING ARREST.

After two years of nefarious activity, the last two members of a highly organized gang of harbour thieves have been arrested.

These men were rounded up in investigations which followed the commission of a theft on a fireboat, during the week-end. One was taken two or three days ago in a police raid in Shaikwan, when he fell into the street from the house and broke his legs, and the other, his sole companion of the gang which had made itself notorious by its daring depredations on craft in harbour, has only just been captured.

Information which threw a surprising light on the case was disclosed by a police official this morning, who indicated that with the capture of these two men, the closing chapter had been written in a matter which had occupied the attention of the harbour police for two years and caused them no little anxiety.

The police record of the last few years have now and then shown instances of daring robbery in the harbour, which are now attributed to the work of this gang. They specialised in the theft of anchors, tarpaulin, hawsers, and ropes, which were often spirited away overnight from the steamer. From time to time the arrest of one or other member of the gang had rewarded the efforts of the harbour police, but it was not until within these last few days that the campaign could be regarded as being completely accomplished with the capture of the surviving members.

It was in investigations following the theft of a smoke helmet and canvas from a fireboat that a raid was planned and carried out on a house in Shaikwan. The man sought for by the officers jumped from the verandah of an upper floor into the street, and sustained injuries from which he is not expected to recover. His companion was arrested yesterday but details of this second capture are not yet available.

THE WORLD COURT.

U. S. SENATE DEBATE.

Washington, Jan'y 26.

After a fortnight's debate, the Senate has embarked on the vote for resolutions dealing with adhesion to the World Court. It first approved the reservations of the United States in joining the Court, but not accepting legal connection with the League; further, that the United States should have a vote in the selection of the Judges and pay a fair share of the expenses of the Court.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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THEOSOPHY

"The World Conference of the T.S. in India, December 1925," will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday January 27th, at 6 p.m. Lecturer Mr. M. Manick. The Meeting is open to the Public.

SANITARY BOARD.

QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER.

Water Examination and Rabies.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. Other members present were Dr. W. W. Pearse, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, D. S. W. Tse, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton (Secretary). Others present were Dr. A. G. M. Severn and Mr. D. Davies.

Pursuant to notice, Dr. Koch asked questions concerning water supply and the prevention of rabies. His first question was:

(1) Is it the case, that the bacteriological examination of the Hongkong potable waters is made only once a month?

(2) Is it not advisable that such examination should be made at least once a week?

(3) Can and will the authorities concerned take steps to have this done?

Question of Staff.

The Chairman said so far as the first part of the question was concerned he was authorised to say that the reply was in the affirmative. The examination was made once a month. In regard to part two, a weekly examination would have advantages. In regard to part three, the question of increasing the staff of the Bacteriological Institute was under consideration by the Government. Without such increase it would not be possible to make the examinations more frequent.

Dr. Koch said he thought it would be very advisable for the Government to increase the staff of the Bacteriological Institute. There was no doubt whatever that the question of water supply ought to be attended to much more than it was at present. Examination once a week, he thought, would not be any too often.

Dr. J. C. Macgown said he agreed with what Dr. Koch had said. They knew from reports that often the water was not satisfactory and had to be chlorinated. It was possible that the water might not be satisfactory the day after it was examined, and did that mean that they had to run the chance of pollution lasting a month?

The Chairman remarked that if the water was found in any way defective, action was taken, and that was followed up by further analysis and examination.

Rabies Outbreak.

The second question was:—In view of the recurrence of rabies from time to time in the Colony, and of the proved efficiency of Antirabic Vaccination as a preventative, would the authorities consider the possibility of insisting upon such vaccination for dogs previous to the issue of a license?

The Chairman said he was authorised to reply that the matter was receiving the careful attention of the Government. He thought it would not be out of place to make a statement on the rabies situation. He had seen that one newspaper had reported that there were three cases in one day. That was not so; there were three during a weekend.

No Cases Since April.

There had been no cases since last April until quite recently, three cases appearing in a week in Hongkong. The first case was

GOVERNMENT HOUSE PARTY.

YESTERDAY'S INFORMAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Yesterday afternoon His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi entertained a large number of people at a garden party held in the grounds of Government House. The function was official, but it was carried out in every way informally. His Excellency and Lady Clementi welcomed the guests, who numbered between 1,200 and 1,300, and afterwards Sir Cecil was seen moving about the grounds renewing old acquaintances, especially among the Chinese guests, and meeting and making new friends.

On arrival guests were received at the main entrance to Government House by A. D. C.'s and were escorted through and presented to Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi at the opposite entrance, leading to the gardens. Tea tables were arranged over the lawns and the drawing and ante-rooms were thrown open for the use of guests. An army of waiters attended to the needs of all.

Outside in the grounds the band of H.M.S. Hawkins played appreciated music, and in the ball room above the band of H.M.S. Hermes earned the plaudits of those who took advantage of the opportunity to dance on a very excellent floor.

Buffets were established in either wing of the house and catering arrangements were excellent. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by both foreign and Chinese guests. The informality of the occasion was commented on with pleasure by everyone, and all no doubt hope that this welcome feature will mark later official functions when the temperature has gone up above the pleasantly warm level.

Among those noticed were H. R. H. Prince George, Vice Admiral Sir Alexander-Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., Major General C. C. Luird, C. B., C.M.G., the Bishop of Victoria, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., Colonel Russell Brown, D.S.O., Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and other members of the Legislative Council, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. W. W. Hornell, the Rev. Fr. Shada, Fr. L. Robert, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G., and Mr. A. O. Lanz. The Consul's body was well represented. Among the many Chinese guests were Sir Shobson and Lady Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. The A. D. C. to His Excellency, Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., was present in his official capacity, and assisting him were Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, hon. A. D. C., Captain G. E. Swinton, M.C., late A.D.C., Mr. L. H. V. Booth, and Mr. B. R. Forsier and Mr. G. R. Sayer, present and past private secretaries to His Excellency respectively.

Along the Praya, the dog jumping into the harbour. It was fished out, drowned, and was discovered to have been suffering from rabies. Enquiries were made as people were reported to have been bitten, but none of these people could be found. The second case was in Wyndham Street. The police secured the dog, and dogs it had been in contact with were caught and were still under observation. The third case was in Des Voeux Road, and the Colony Veterinary Surgeon secured the dog himself. It was killed. The whole situation was receiving careful attention and it was only fair that the public should know there was a definite outbreak.

PROPERTY SALE.

VALUABLE LOT OFFERED YESTERDAY.

Reserve Price Not Reached.

A valuable leasehold property, Marine Lots Nos. 245 and 246, on which stands the premises of the Chen Kwong Company, Ltd., Des Voeux Road Central, was offered for sale by Mr. L. E. Lammett at his sales rooms yesterday afternoon. The reserve price not being reached, the property was withdrawn, but not until the bidding had passed the quarter million dollar mark.

Marine Lot No. 245 consists of 2,240 square feet, and includes No. 119 Connaught Road, Central, and No. 237 Des Voeux Road. The second lot contains an area of 2,228 square feet and is the site of No. 120 Connaught Road, Central, and No. 239 Des Voeux Road, Central.

Opening the bidding at \$200,000, Mr. Lammett announced that the minimum bid acceptable would be \$1,000, which was the first amount offered. A sum of \$9,000 was the next increase made and although there were only two interested parties in the bidding, the price was soon taken to \$271,000, by leaps of \$1,000 and sometimes as much as \$4,000. The reserve price was not, however, reached.

Marine Lot No. 68, comprising No. 39 Des Voeux Road and No. 71 Connaught Road, Central, was withdrawn from sale.

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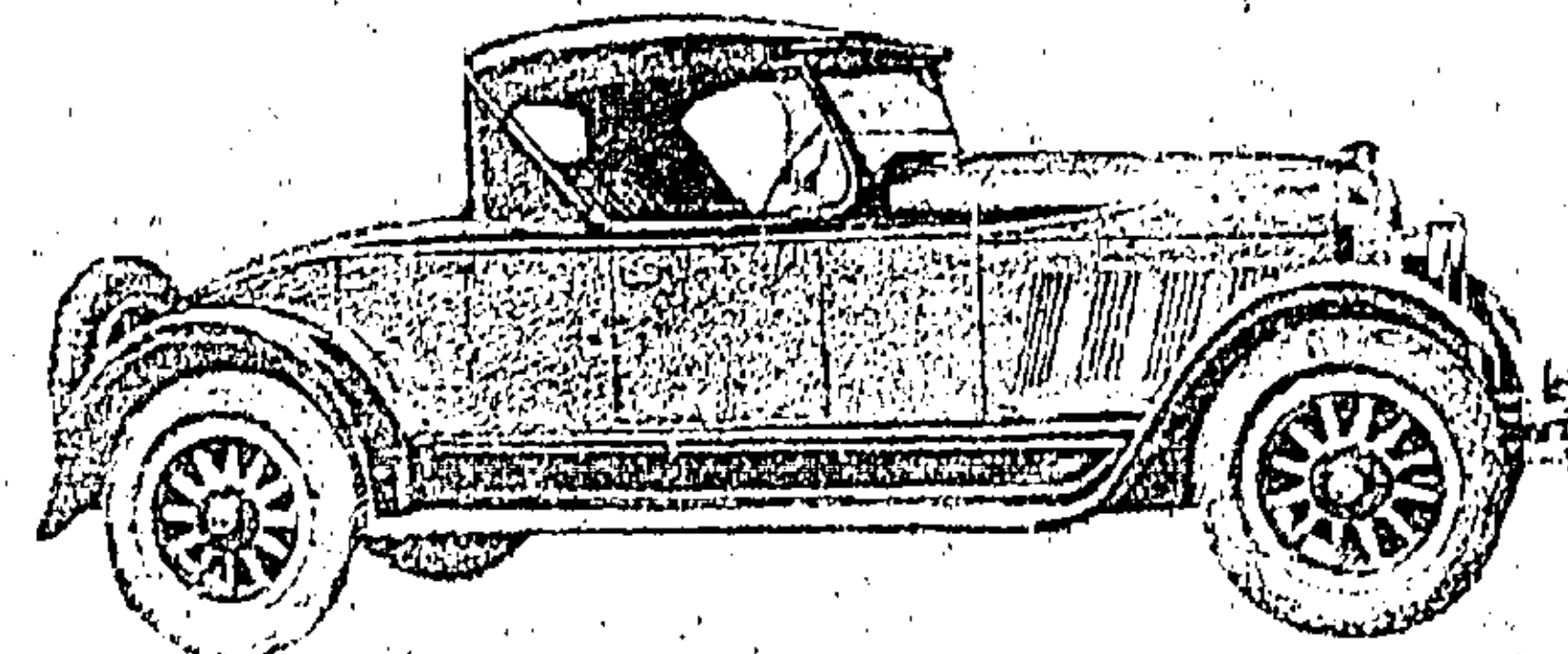
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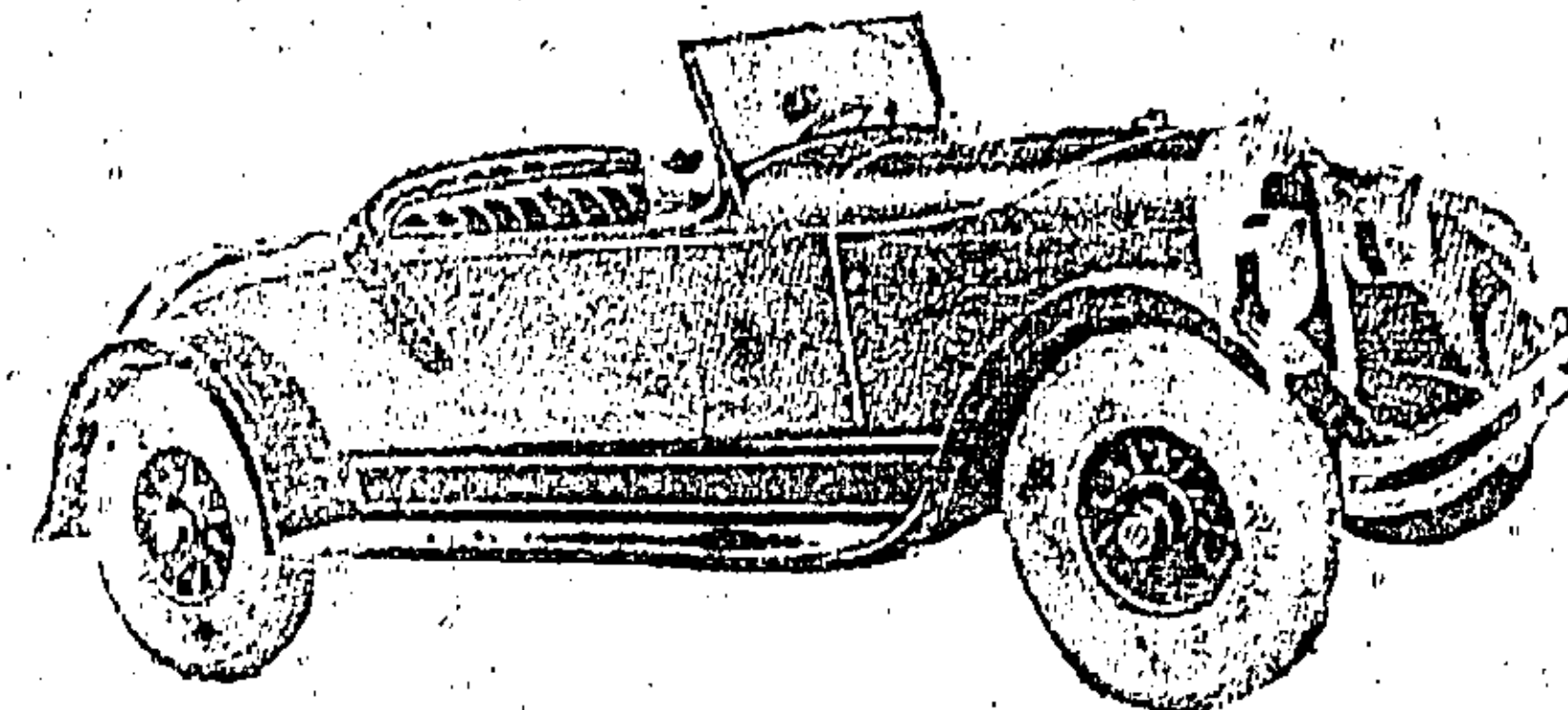
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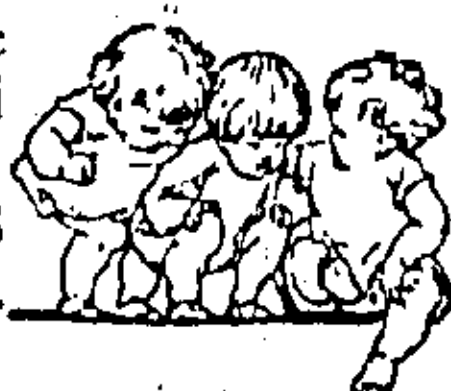
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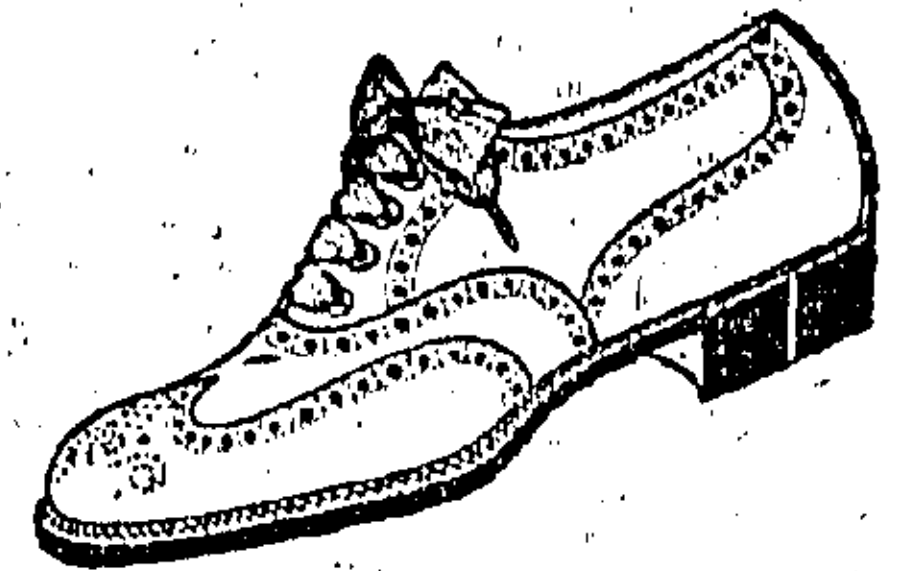
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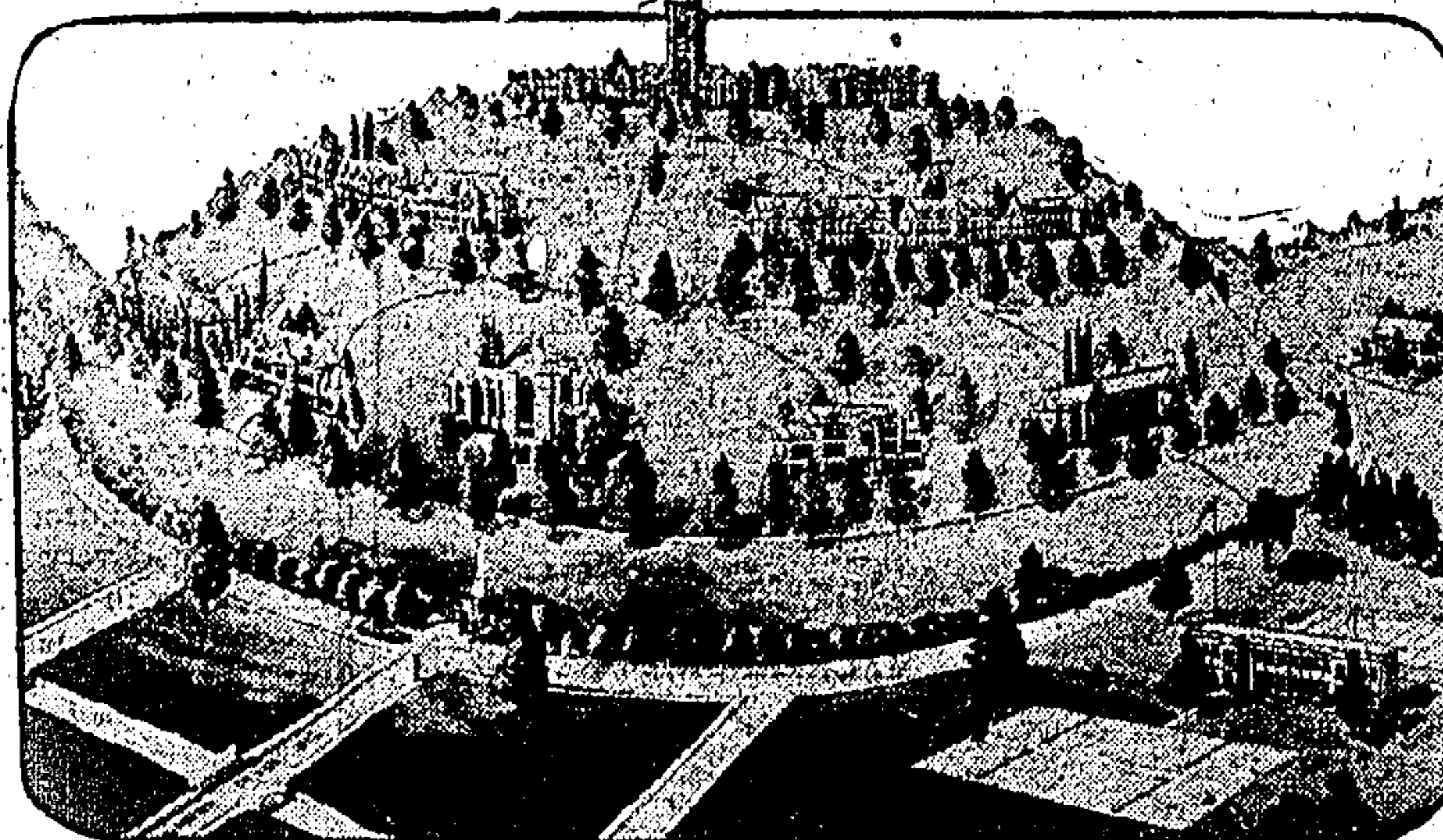
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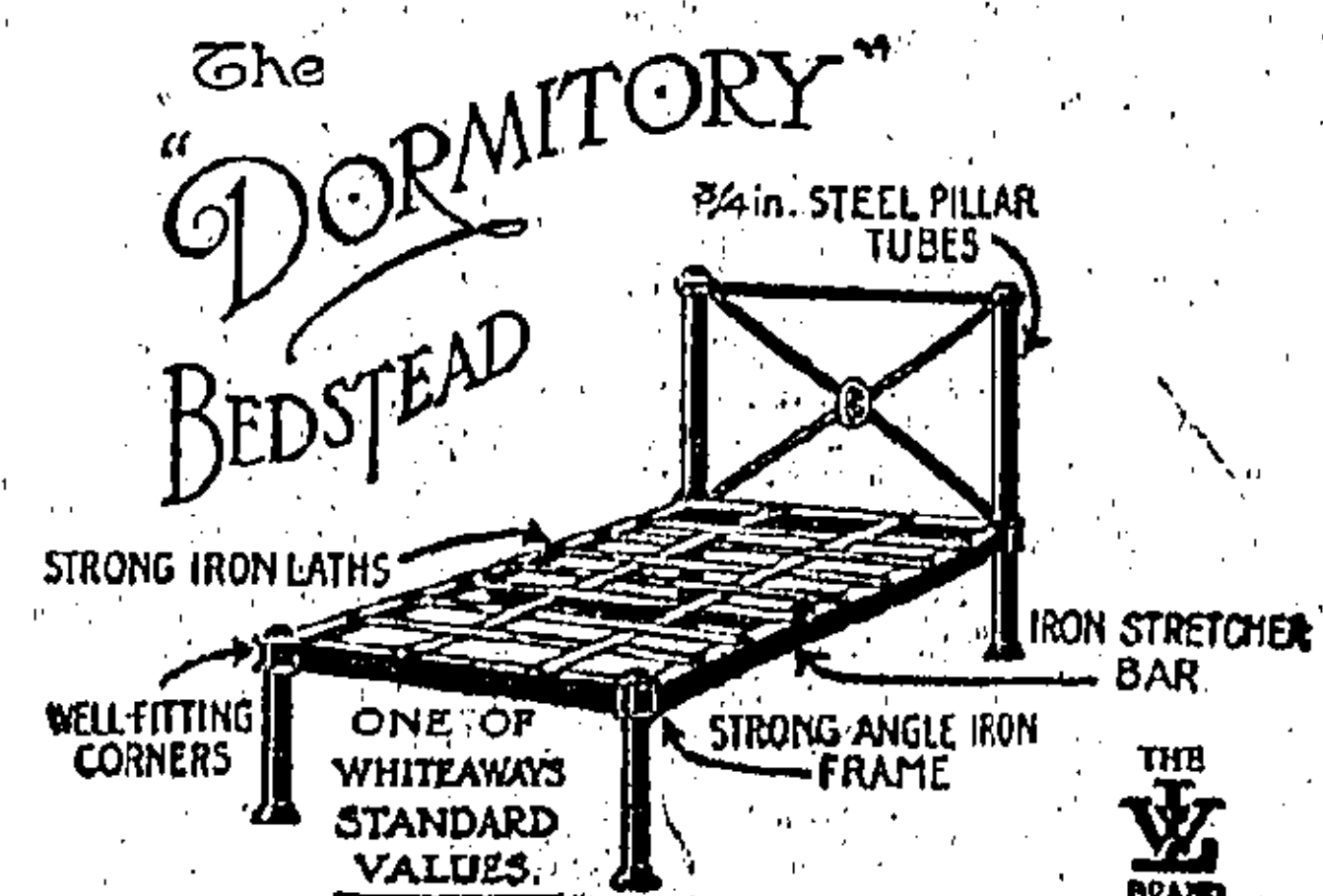
This is a particularly swift piece of football photography and shows an incident in the game between Georgetown University, Washington, and the U.S. Marines.

A Coolidge Cartoon.



Above is President Coolidge as he appears to Covarrubias, the noted caricaturist. This picture was recently on exhibition at the Dudenising galleries, New York City.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above Society will be held on THURSDAY, 28th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA.

To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

To Elect Officers and a new Committee for the current year.

To Fix the date of the Annual Flower Show.

To discuss any matters of interest to Horticulturists in Hongkong and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1926.

NOTICE.

TO EX-MEMBERS OF THE R.F.C., R.N.A.S., AND R.A.F.
A dinner will be held at the Ritz Cafe, at 8 p.m., on SATURDAY, the 30th.

Will all who are interested and who wish to attend, kindly communicate with the undermentioned.

J. A. BARTON,
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Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1926.

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Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1926, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926, to Thursday, the 28th January, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNEL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926 at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY to TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1926

Dock-Yard Recreation Club.

THE ANNUAL BALL

will be held in the CITY HALL

on

THURSDAY the 4th Feb. 1926.

Invitations can be obtained through members of the Club.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Kiem Tjiang Han to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th January, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

(for account of the concerned),

3,350 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 May Shipment from Java.

1,300 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 June Shipment from Java.

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Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers before the sale.

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Hongkong, Jan. 26, 1926.

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REMINDER.

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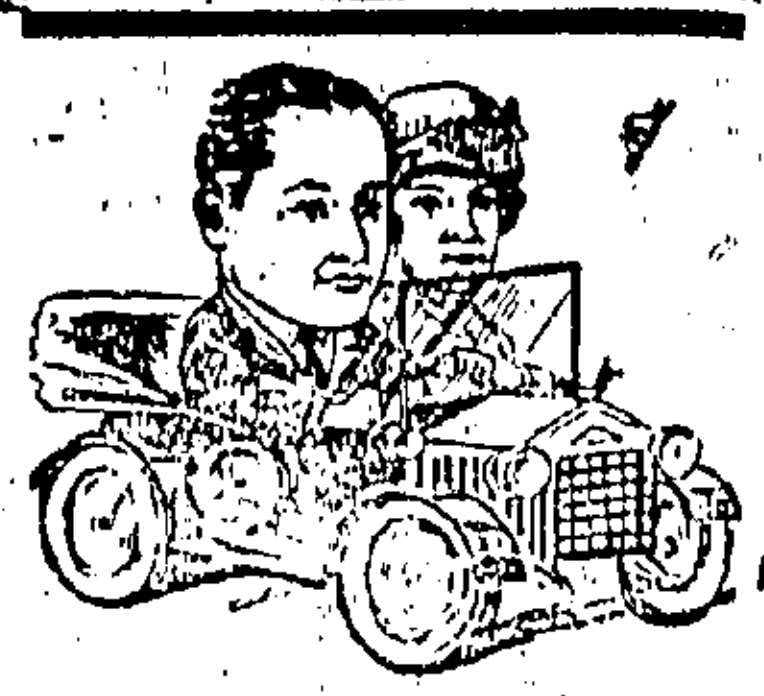
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REICHSTAG RE-ASSEMBLES.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Berlin, Jan. 26.

The Chancellor, Herr Luther, presented his Cabinet to a crowded meeting of the Reichstag. He announced that the Government's foreign policy would pursue the path laid down by the Locarno Treaty, and its most important decision would be as regards Germany's entry into the League. Referring to the statement made at the Conference of Ambassadors on Nov. 14th, that the occupation forces in the Rhineland would be appreciably reduced in such a manner that their strength would approach normal figures, Herr Luther declared that normal figures could only mean the strength of the German pre-war garrison in the Rhineland. This was emphasised in a German official statement which was not contradicted by the Occupation Powers. Active negotiations on this matter were proceeding with the Governments concerned, and the Government hoped they would lead to the desired result.—Reuter.

SPEECH CAUSES SURPRISE.

Later.

Some surprise has been caused by Herr Luther's brief reference to foreign policy and his rather indefinite allusion to Germany's entry into the League. The latter is interpreted as meaning, that the Government is awaiting a settlement of the dispute regarding the strength of the occupation forces in the Rhineland before pledging Germany definitely to join the League, which is regarded as being a sop to the Right.—Reuter.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

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Mr. B. A. W. Murrill, from reserve, has gone chief officer, King Yuen, has gone chief officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. W. P. Learmouth, third officer, King Yuen, has gone chief officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. W. P. Learmouth, third officer, King Yuen, has gone third officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. O. T. Harrison, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kwangchow.

Captain H. P. Carver, from leave, has gone master, Kwangchow.

Captain E. M. Gellie, of the Kwangchow, has gone master, Tungchow.

Mr. D. Lettington, second officer, Chusan, has gone chief officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. L. W. Harrison, chief officer, Kwangchow, has gone chief officer, Tungchow.

Mr. J. R. Nisbet, chief officer, Tungchow, is on leave.

Mr. G. S. Scott, second officer, Tungchow, is on leave.

Mr. F. R. Carter, second officer, Changsha, has gone second officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. D. V. Duncanson, second officer, Kwangchow, is on reserve.

Mr. W. Paplow, from leave, has gone chief officer, Hukow.

Captain T. W. Pickard, master, Wenchow, is on leave.

Captain W. Shane, from reserve, has gone master, Wenchow.

Mr. A. Andrew, second engineer, Lungchow, has gone second engineer, Hukow.

Mr. B. Symington, third engineer, Ningpo, is on reserve.

Mr. G. C. Warren, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Yatsing.

Mr. J. C. Arnot, chief officer, Yatsing, has gone chief officer, Chip-shing.

Mr. J. Moodie, chief officer, Chip-shing, has gone chief officer, Laisang.

Mr. H. H. Fantham, chief, Kwai-sung, has gone chief officer, Fook-sung.

Mr. J. M. McKie, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. D. Jones, third officer, Yatsing, has gone second officer, Ping-wo.

Captain J. N. Sturgeon, master, Tungshing, is on reserve.

Mr. S. Webster, second officer, Tungshing, on reserve.

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, acting master, Yatsing, has gone chief officer, Kwangchow.

Mr. J. Fairbairn, acting chief officer, Kwangchow, has gone second officer, same ship.

Captain T. M. Moynick, of the Kinging, is on reserve.

Mr. J. E. A. Porter, chief officer, Kinging, has gone master, same ship.

Mr. A. Watson, second officer, Kinging, has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. J. H. Gregory, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kinging.

Mr. A. Woodley, chief officer, Tungshing, has gone chief officer, Fookshing.

Mr. J. D. Thwaites, acting chief officer, Fookshing, has gone second officer, Luenho.

Mr. A. S. Spiers, chief engineer, Tungshing, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Mac-loney, second engineer, Tungshing, is on reserve.

Mr. F. Keralate, third engineer, Tungshing, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Turnbull, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Luenho.

Mr. G. G. Patterson, chief engineer, Luenho, is on leave.

Mr. A. S. Fraser, from reserve, has gone sup'y second engineer, Loongwo.

Mr. D. R. Fyfe, from leave, has gone third engineer, Fookshing.

Mr. A. H. Watt, third engineer, Fookshing, has gone sup'y third engineer, Yusan.

Mr. T. A. Haughey, second engineer, Loongwo, has gone acting chief engineer, Changwo.

Mr. J. J. Thompson, third engineer, Kinging, has gone third engineer, Saiwo.

Mr. J. Hay has been appointed third engineer, Kinging.

Captain E. Prigent, of the King-shan, has gone master, Lungshan.

Captain B. McK. Thomson, of the Lungshan, has gone master, Sital.

Captain V. A. Harris, of the Sital, has gone master, Kingshan.

Mr. R. H. Stewart, from leave, has gone chief officer, Sital.

Mr. W. E. Lilley, chief officer, Sital, has gone chief officer, Sital.

Captain W. Wilson, of the Tai Fook Sing, is on reserve.

Mr. P. B. Anderson, chief officer, Tai Fook Sing, is on reserve.

Mr. G. H. Madden, chief officer, Sital, has gone chief officer, Tai-shan.

Captain S. Bell-Smith, of the Honam, has gone master, Tai-shan.

Mr. G. R. Drew, second officer, Honam, has gone second officer, Tai-shan.

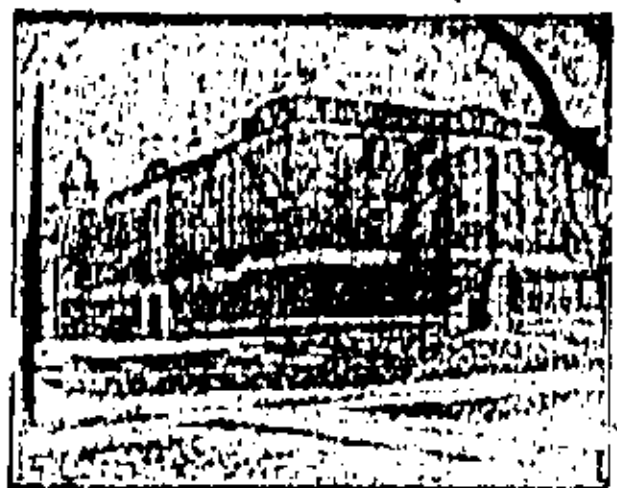
Mr. P. MacGuinness, from leave, has gone chief officer, Derawongse.

Mr. J. P. Sparling, chief officer, Derawongse, is on reserve.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAT
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Chaplain's and Treasurer's Report.

The annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall last evening with the Right Revd. Bishop Duppy in the chair, a full attendance of the Church Body and a few members of the congregation.

The proceedings opened with a prayer, after which the Chaplain, the Revd. T. B. Powell read his report of the year's work, which was as follows:

It might not be altogether a complete distortion of Dryden's phrase to describe the last year in the annals of the Cathedral as a minor "annus mirabilis," however, it can be claimed that some, perhaps, unexpected progress was made in many directions, and that various experiments met with a certain measure of success. For a Cathedral is a living organization and unless it possesses a spirit of growth and prayer, and contains what is known as a religious atmosphere there is not much hope for it, and but little value in the eyes of God or man. And so, although we are wrong to look for spiritual results, it is essential that we place the things of the spirit first, and that above all we regard the Cathedral as a House of Prayer and a kind of central Power house for the religious work of the diocese.

The season of Lent marked a distinct step forward owing to the daily celebrations and the helpful services conducted by the military chaplain. The Church council which came into being after the annual meeting of last year, was able to advise the Church Body on various matters of importance—it is good to note that two Chinese are now members of the council. The councillors, at a later stage, drafted out reports on the various activities of the Cathedral, and made suggestions which will be put into fuller practice when the times are more propitious.

The Women's Guild.

A good deal of sound work was accomplished by members of the Women's Guild, and it is owing principally to their efforts that the Cathedral is now in such a well-kept condition. There must be many women in the Colony who feel the endless strain of enforced leisure—it should be remembered that the Women's Guild will give them a warm welcome and some admirable work to do. Considerable progress has been made in the refurnishing of the Cathedral—noticeably in the Lady Chapel—but on general improvements and refurnishing it would be easy to spend an additional thirty thousand dollars. The new organ casing is a distinct asset, and the proposed additional scheme for the chancel, a plan of which is lying on the west door, will add much to its beauty. The C.E.M.S. has been active in many ways, and was responsible for a series of public lectures in the winter months.

Pew Rents.

The services of the Cathedral have tended to improve and the congregations have increased. A considerable debt of gratitude is owed to the members of the choir and the organist; and to the clergy who have gladly given their valuable help in the absence of the senior chaplain. Several congregational singing practices have been held, and although surprise was felt at this innovation, chiefly

because no authority could be found for it in the Old Testament, the improvement in the congregational singing has been noticeable—though in this respect we have far to travel. We were glad to welcome the R.A.O.B., the Scouts and Guides, and hope that this year several services for Chinese in their own language may be held. A start has been made with the Children's Corner, and a lending library, under the auspices of the C.E.M.S. and Women's Guild will be open in Lent. It is to be hoped most devoutly that the time may soon come when the finances of the Cathedral will allow the present system of pew-rents to be changed—all seats should, of course, be free and unappropriated.

It is perhaps permissible to make a special note of the Church Body, and to congratulate its members on their admirable, painstaking and exacting work during a difficult period. In this connection we record with regret the death of Mr. Job Witchell, who for many years was a valuable member. The congregation is deeply indebted to the Church Body for services of high value freely and willingly given. With an added spirit of prayer, of brotherliness, and comradeship in the work of Christ the Cathedral may confidently look forward to a year of real spiritual growth.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet and accounts for the year said:

You will notice from the Statement in your hands, that we began the year with a deficit of \$9,742.32, but I am glad to say this was observed by our generous benefactor, Sir Paul Chater, who at once sent a cheque for \$9,000.

During the year under review, the Chater Endowment Fund, originally of \$25,000, has been converted into a dollar account, and by Sir Paul's further generosity the fund has been increased to a round sum of \$250,000. The Trustees of the fund having invested the money locally, the result is much to the advantage of the Cathedral Funds. The full benefit of the change, however, is not fully apparent as the transfer was not made till April last. The next Balance Sheet will show that from this Fund alone, there will be an income of close upon \$20,000.

We also received during the year a sum of \$2,000 from the Bowdler bequest—which appears in the accounts as \$17,872.51—and this, together with the item of \$16,000 formerly standing to the credit of Assistant Chaplain's Fund, together with surpluses of other separate accounts, is now invested in a mortgage making a round figure of \$40,000, from which will be derived an annual income of \$3,600.

Estimating our normal expenditure for the coming year to be about the same as the last, namely, about \$16,250, and our normal receipts to be about the same, with the addition of the increased revenue on Chater's Endowment Fund, there should be a satisfactory credit balance at the close of the present year.

The Organ.

As you are aware, serious defects were found in the Organ some time ago, and drastic measures had to be taken to put it in order. Fortunately we had in the Colony, Mr. Blackett, the organ builder, who has for a long time taken such a keen interest in it, and it was decided he should proceed at once with the work of reconditioning those parts which were affected by climatic and other causes. The total cost is estimated to be about \$14,000 and, when completed, it is asserted by several people, we shall have in this Cathedral an

Organ second to none 'East of Buez.

Regarding donations, you will notice we have received from one large office in the Colony a sum of \$350. This is made up of monthly donations from 5 or 6 gentlemen in this Company (of \$5), and I would strongly recommend that the staffs of other large concerns be approached by someone interested in the work of the Church for similar small monthly donations.

The Church Body.

Six lay members of the Church Body were elected as follows: Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Forster, W. L. Pattenden, (Hon. Sec.), P. S. Cassidy, J. A. E. Bullock and Lieut. Colonel T. R. Robertson.

Mr. Owen Hughes, on the subject of the appointment of an auditor, drew attention to the need of a fully qualified professional, Mr. Pattenden proposed Mr. B. O. Blaker for the office, and this was seconded by Mr. Cassidy. There followed a discussion on the benefits which would accrue from a professional revision of the accounts at a fee. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously, as was a vote of thanks to Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson, who had previously carried out the duties.

Thanks To Helpers.

The Bishop expressed his gratitude to Mr. Powell for the keen and efficient way he had carried on the work at the Cathedral during the past troublous months, and also to Mr. F. Mason, the organist, for his help. They also had to thank Mr. Blackett. The scheme for the renovation of the organ was going on satisfactorily and they hoped it would be seen through in spite of hard times. They also felt a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Pollock and those who worked with her in keeping the Cathedral in a most excellent manner. The Bishop also thanked the Church Council and the Church Body, as busy business men, who spared hours of their leisure to give advice on Cathedral matters. He had particularly to thank Mr. Pattenden and Mr. Owen Hughes. He then referred to the Fukien Cathedral at Foochow, now in the course of erection. When the Bishop of Fukien was passing through here a short while ago, he had a conversation with the speaker and Mr. Powell, and they thought that as the Mother Church of the Diocese, St. John's should make some gift towards the new building. It was 20 years ago since Foochow was separated from this diocese, and it was hoped that the new Cathedral would be consecrated at the next general Synod of the Chinese Church.

London Re-union.

Another point was that some of those present might be going home before this coming summer, and it might interest them to know that at the next reunion of the Victoria Diocesan Association, a former Governor of Hongkong, Sir Frederick Lugard, was to take the chair. This was to be on June 2 at the Victoria House, Leicester Square, London.

They entered on a new year, the course of which none could say, but they prayed God that there was going to be prosperity in China, in the world and in the Colony of Hongkong. They hoped and trusted the rich blessing of God was going to rest on the ministrations in the Cathedral Church, and he thought, to this end, it was probable that this coming winter they would have a visit from the Mission of Help, which was postponed from last year. The Mission was not only to Hongkong, but to all English speaking congregations in China.

The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting closed.

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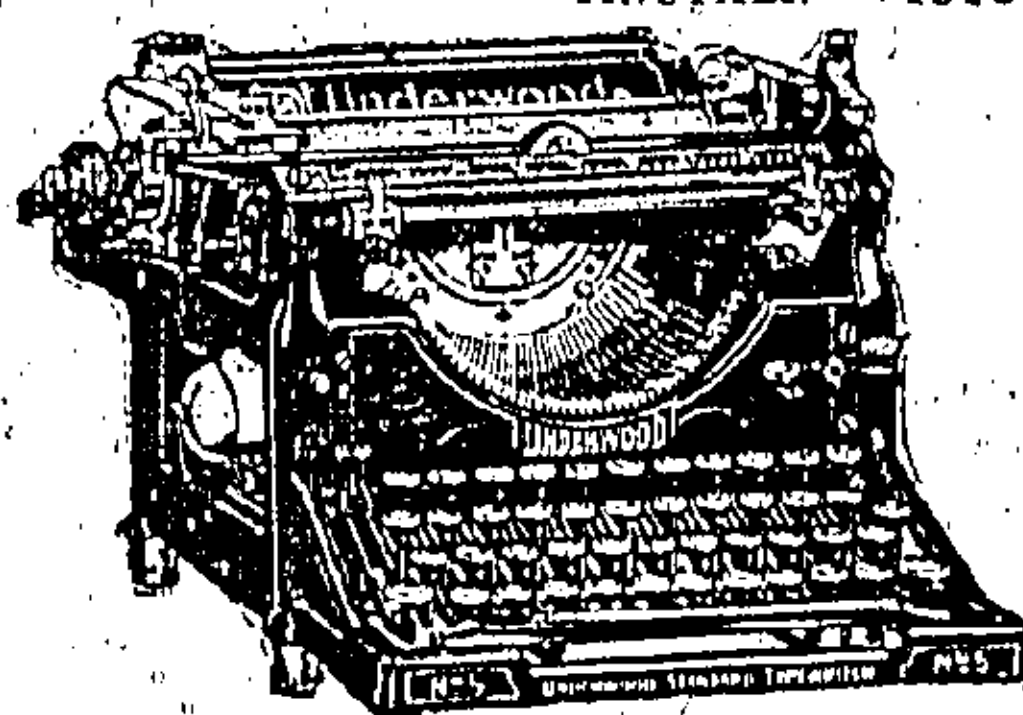
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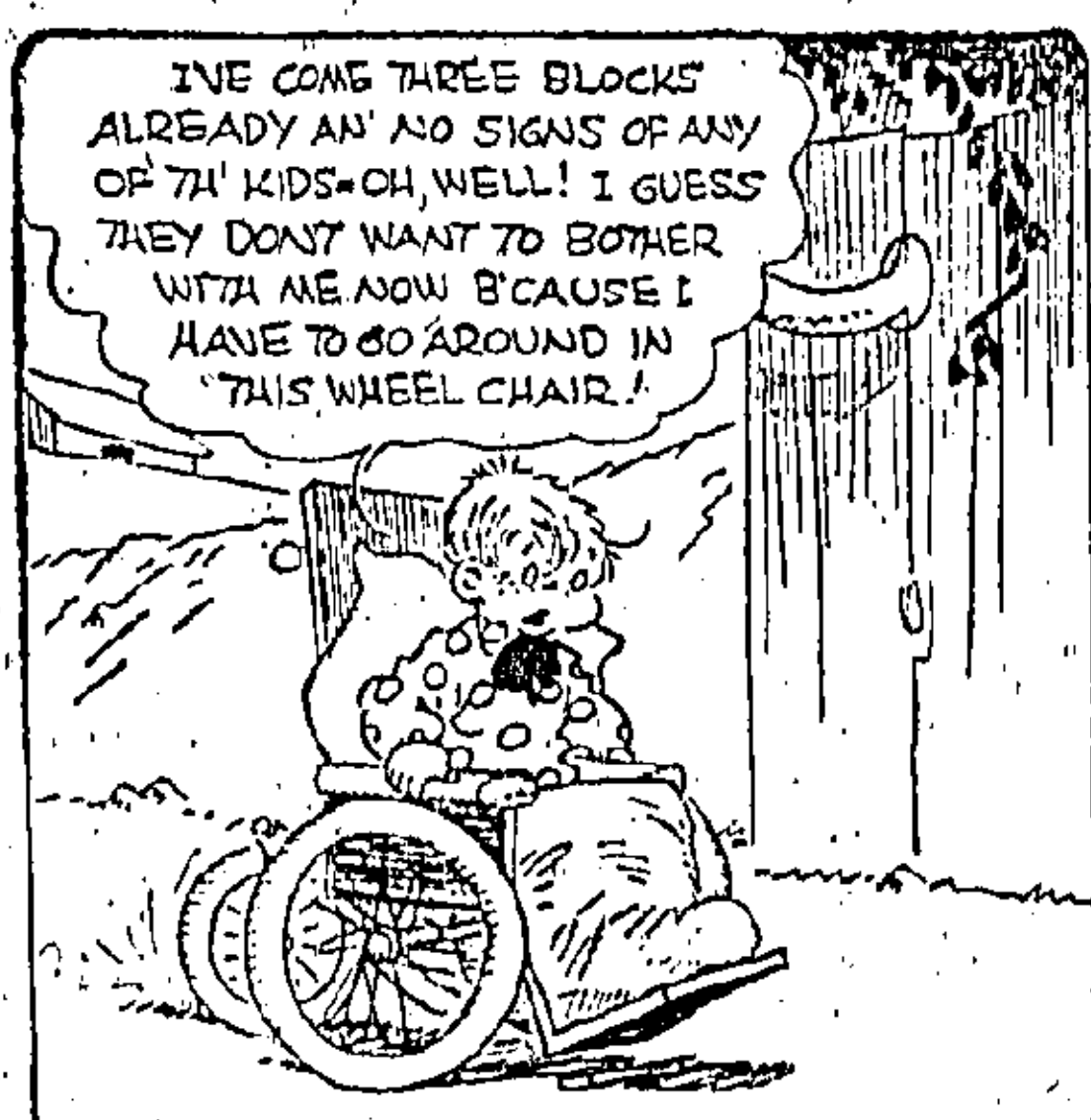
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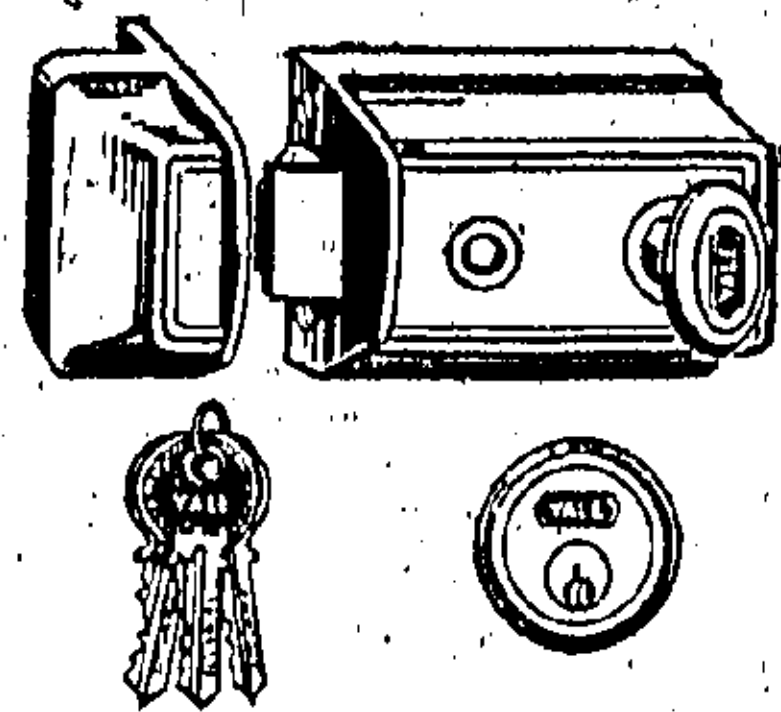
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The Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1928.

HORRORS OF STRIFE.

In the quiet well-ordered
seclusion of Hongkong we can
have but a dim realisation of
the horror of the chaotic conditions
suffered by Chinese in the North,
where badly-directed fighting has
been carried on in the height of
the winter season. When we talk
of China's sorrows we know but
a little of them. Every man
knows that fighting is at all
times a hardship-bearing task,
and when to the inevitable
suffering of conflict is added the
burden of ill-management, the
hunger, the cold and the illnesses
which arise because of an army
being more or less left to shift
for itself, it is indeed a wonder
that the Chinese troops behave as well
as they do. Yet reports filter
through now and again of
terrible outrage and pillage
committed on innocent village
communities by ex-soldiers now
turned brigands and bandits.
Such a case is just reported from
near the Manchurian border,
about 1,000 hunger-driven soldiers
ransacking and pillaging a
village of some 300 inhabitants.
Men, women and children were
either killed in the struggle or
were driven into the biting
cold. And, meanwhile, apparently,
the General under whom these
troops nominally were,
either did not know or did not
care, for nothing was done (says
the report). All over the northern
part of China, there are stories
being told of the tremendous cost
of China's wars—cost to the
patient, long-suffering natives
who are so thoughtlessly and
selfishly sacrificed to the whim
for power and gain of either
military or political cliques.
Away up in the western pro-
vinces, from which reports take
a long while to come, there have
just been received in Shanghai
further tales of fighting, whilst
on the coast, just above Foochow,
there is lawlessness and brigand-
age which is depopulating a
whole district. Throughout the
length and breadth of the country
there is the same sad story of
mal-administration, of corruption
and lack of impartial governing
authority.

If it could reasonably be said
that all this is part of the travail
through which China must inevi-
tably go in the course of its
metamorphosis from an age-long

secluded Empire into a modern,
civilised Republican Power, there
would be more than a grain of
comfort, for there would be the
vision to distract attention from
the actuality. But, we do not
believe that the present misery,
poverty, and suffering of the
people are a necessary accompani-
ment to the evolution of an
effective national government,
and we think that he would be a
callous materialist who would
assert it. The great cry of China's
politicians of late has been
against the Western Powers
whose people have come to this
land to mix and to trade; these
politicians have been calling for
"Nationalism" when they ought,
more wisely, to have been con-
cerned with the problems of
domestic administration. It is
not enough for these politicians
to rail against the Powers, to look
on hopelessly while Tachuns,
Marshals, or Generals move their
armies of pawns whither they
choose irrespective of all the
suffering involved. History will
hold China's present-day political
leaders strictly to task for
their want of courageous
grasp on a situation that is daily
becoming more desperate and
difficult. A people will always
exact toll, and the day of great
toll-taking in China will most
assuredly come.

Tramway Matters.

Suggestions recently made for
the provision of some night-
signalling device on the Peak
Tramway, by which passengers
waiting at May Road can ascer-
tain whether there are any vacant
seats on down-going cars, are
now followed up by a further
proposal which we have been
asked by a resident of the locality
to make. This is that some kind
of covered way be erected over
the steep flight of steps at the
May Road station. It is pointed
out that during wet weather much
inconvenience is caused to patrons
boarding the cars at this station,
the more so since it is practically
impossible to hold up an umbrella
when entering the car, on account
of the extremely awkward angle
at which the steps run, it being
as much as most folk can do to
get aboard even when their hands
are free. We pass on the sugges-
tion for what it is worth, and
would add that in view of the
fact that the Tramway Company
has been carrying out big altera-
tions at both the terminals, it
might be just as well to cover in
all the intermediate stations, thus
assuring passengers a greater
measure of comfort all round.
Much has been and is being done
to improve the system, and it
would seem an opportune time to
put into effect these other sug-
gestions as well. That they would
be appreciated by the public, we
are quite sure.

STOWAWAYS CHARGED.

AMERICAN SEAMAN'S CASE.

An American seaman, named
B. F. Williamson, together with a
Filipino, was charged before Mr.
E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning, with
stowing away from Manila on
board the s.s. Sequoia.

Williamson pleaded guilty and
said that he intended returning to
America.

His Worship asked why the de-
fendant was handed to the local
authorities instead of either be-
ing sent back to Manila or taken
to America. It was obvious that
he could not stay in Hongkong.

The Captain of the ship replied
that he had no authority to take the
defendant from the Colony after he
had been discovered on board.

After telephonic communication
with the American Consul, his Wor-
ship remanded the defendant for
twenty-four hours, and instructed
the police to see the Consul with
the defendant.

On admitting his offence, the
Filipino was sentenced to six weeks'
hard labour, his Worship pointing
out that the difference between the
two men's cases lay in the fact that
the American was attempting to
return to his own country, while
the defendant was trying to go
where he had no right to go.

DAY BY DAY.

THE WORLD HAS NOTHING IN
IT WORTHY A MAN'S SERIOUS
ANGER.—Owen Feltham.

The health return for yesterday
shows one Chinese case of diph-
theria.

The weather forecast for to-
morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh to
moderate; cloudy.

Lady Olamenti has kindly con-
sented to distribute the certi-
ficates to the pupils of the Ying
Wa Girls' School, on Friday, the
29th, at 5 p.m., in the auditorium
of the Y.M.C.A.

Dr. Chi-Chao Yung, Professor
of Chemistry at the Kwong Hua
University, Shanghai, arrived in
the Colony by the s.s. Soochow
yesterday. Dr. Yung will spend
his New Year vacation in Hong-
kong.

A Masonic service is to be held
in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday
at 6 p.m. Masonic clergy will
conduct the service and the Right
Rev. C. R. Duppuy, (Bishop of
Victoria), who is himself a Mason,
will preach.

An old man of 82 years of age,
appeared before Mr. Lindsell this
morning on a charge of hawking
within market limits. "You
must be the oldest man in Hong-
kong, I should say," commented
the Magistrate, as he discharged
the man with a warning.

Four Chinese appeared before
Major Willson, at the Central
Police Court this morning, one
with a bloodstained bandage
round his head, charged with
fighting. Inspector McDonald
said the first two defendants were
teasing a girl, and the other two
objected, and a fight ensued.
Major Willson remarked that the
big one seemed to have got the
worst of it, and bound all the de-
fendants over.

The return showing the number
of cases of notifiable disease
which occurred in the Colony
during the week ended Saturday,
the 23rd instant, shows that there
were two Chinese imported cases
of small pox, two British and one
Chinese case of diphtheria, one
Chinese case, imported, of enteric
fever, one Chinese case of cere-
bro-spinal fever and three cases
of rabies in dogs. The three cases
of rabies occurred in the Victoria
registration district.

The eighth meeting of the
Hongkong Garrison's Women's
Fellowship took the form of a
concert arranged by Mrs. Robert
Lewis, at the Military Hospital,
Bowen Road, last night. There
was a large attendance, and the
following took part:—Mrs. Neil
Mathieson, Rev. G. E. Arrow-
smith, Mr. R. M. Keown, Miss
Alma Birkett, Major J. Macready,
D.S.O., Mr. H. L. Gardner, Miss
Gladys Brock, Mrs. Bert Burrows,
the "Hongkong Harmony Four"
and an orchestra from the East
Surreys. Mr. F. Mason, Band-
Corpl. W. G. Wernham and
Bandman J. Fawkes accom-
panied.

CROWD'S CURIOSITY.

LEADS TO ASSAULT ON POLICE.

An old woman and her son were
defendants in a charge of assault
brought by an Indian constable
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the
Central Magistracy to-day.

The incident was stated to have
occurred on the 24th instant in
Main Street, West Shaikwan,
when the constable attempted to
disperse a large crowd which had
gathered around a motor cycle com-
bination left by Mr. Staple, of the
P.W.D., at the roadside. Mr.
Staple was away to get a refill of
petrol, but his nine-year-old son
was left in charge of the machine.
The crowd, from being merely
curious, evinced signs of being
troublesome. One of them, alleged
to be the male defendant, threw
bits of chewed sugar-cane at the
boy but, said Mr. Staple, "he was
not frightened, as the constable
was going to take the man to goal."

The old woman, against whom it
was proved that she tugged at the
constable's urban and displaced it,
was fined \$5. Her son was also
fined in a similar amount. The
Magistrate observed that without
doubt he resisted the constable.
The latter, however, used unneces-
sary force, as the defendant had
stated. He should have used more
tact and discretion, and should be
warned.

"DULL HONGKONG."

AN AUSTRALIAN VISITOR'S VIEWS.

"Hongkong is the prettiest
place I ever saw, but it sure is
the dullest," remarked a visitor
from Australia who has been stay-
ing here for nearly three weeks
past. "You've got beautiful
scenery and a wonderful winter
climate, but you haven't got a
place in the town where there's
a bit of life or where anybody
can go to enjoy themselves." And
having said so much to a *Telegraph*
representative with whom he was
talking, our friend from "down
South" assumed a look of disgust
wholly in contrast to his usual
bright self.

And then, of course, we told
him that work was one's salva-
tion here. So long as a man had
plenty to do he didn't bother very
much about entertainment because
he generally went home after
office hours. There were the
pictures, and then one could
always go to the Hongkong Hotel
(now only on the Roof Garden),
or Repulse Bay Hotel and watch
dancing when one felt like it. It
did, perhaps, work out a little ex-
pensive if done very often, but
the people here stayed a lot in
doors and entertained their
friends or went out to their
friends' houses. All of which
explanation, left our Australian
friend shaking his head, sadly.

"Why, you haven't even got a
cabaret where one can go and get
a light meal and either
have a dance or watch a
dance. There's no life in your
town after dark, and a visitor has
either got to go to the pictures or
go to bed. You've got magnificent
beaches and if they were in Aus-
tralia we'd have some use out of
them. In Sydney or any of the
big cities we've got some entertain-
ment all the year round at reason-
able prices. Everything in Hong-
kong costs such a lot more than it
ought. In the matter of transpor-
tation, I've never stayed in a place
where, unless you live here and
have got season tickets, it costs so
much or takes so much time. To
go to the Peak and back, even to
see the sunset, costs you the best
part of two shillings.

"I'm just a plain man on a plain
holiday, and I was going to stay
here some time, waiting until the
weather was fit for one who hates
the cold to go up to Japan. But,
I just get that dull with no-where to
go at nights and with nothing to
do, that I'm going up to Shanghai.
They tell me it's different there.
You've got a fine place here, as I
said, but it seems to me, a visitor,
that you're all asleep in it so far
as amusing yourselves is concern-
ed. You could attract an awful
lot of people on holiday, but at
present you drive them away."

RUSSIAN GOLD.

BIG CONSIGNMENT REACHES LONDON.

London, Jan. 26.
A million pounds sterling worth
of gold bullion has arrived from
Leningrad to be deposited as
security for considerable orders to
British firms in connection with
textile machinery and plant for
Russia.—*Reuter*.

A STORMY PASSAGE.

Rugby, Jan. 26.
About £1,000,000 sterling in gold
from Leningrad arrived in London
to-day, in the German steamer
"Schwalbe." It is over a month
ago since the gold left Leningrad
in the Russian ship "Horns." This
vessel had such a rough time in
the Baltic, that the gold had to be
trans-shipped at Hamburg to the
"Schwalbe."—*British Wireless*.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

NOTED AVIATOR'S VIEW.

London, Jan. 26.
Mr. Alan Cobham, the British air-
man who is flying from London to
Capetown, writes to the *Daily Mail*
from Rhodesia on the subject of
the survey for the air route which
he is making for the Imperial Air-
ways Company. He says: "My
report will not advocate immediate
operation of air lines from Central
Africa to Northern Rhodesia owing
to lack of traffic and extensive
isolated forest country which has
to be flown over, but now we have
reached Rhodesia we hope to find
great opportunities for operating
commercial aircraft."—*British
Wireless*.

GAMBLERS IN COURT.

LOTTERY HEADQUARTERS RAIDED.

The table in Major Willson's
court, at the Central Magistracy,
was covered this morning with
rolls of paper on which were
printed Chinese characters, lot-
tery tickets, and the accessories
for manufacturing lottery tickets,
when six Chinese were charged
with keeping a gambling house at
214, Hollywood Road, second
floor; with writing announcements,
and with possession of the
tickets.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain prose-
cuted, and Mr. Leo d'Almada ap-
peared for all the defendants.

Mr. d'Almada pleaded guilty to
the first charge on behalf of the
defendants. He said the first de-
fendant, an elderly man, had asked
him to state that he accepted the
full responsibility, as the
other defendants were employed
by him, and he, in his turn, was
employed by somebody else. He
asked Major Willson to take into
consideration that the men gave
no trouble to the police, and that
the tickets were not intended to
be sold in Hongkong.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain said the
defendants were found in the front
room of the house, which was
furnished like an office. There
was a safe for which the second
defendant had the key. The third,
fourth and fifth defendants were
actually sitting at a table writing
tickets, and the sixth man, against
whom he did not wish to press the
charge, was sitting down, and
taking no part in the proceedings.
There were three cubicles, in one
of which was a man and a boy; in
another, some men smoking opium;
and in the third, a number of men
playing Mah Jong. He closely
questioned the latter, and came to
the conclusion that the place had
undoubtedly been used for the
manufacture of "Po Kau" lottery
tickets. He asked that the case be
regarded as serious, as it was not
often they obtained information
that enabled them to raid the
headquarters where such tickets
were made.

Major Willson fined the first de-
fendant \$250; the second, third,
fourth, and fifth, \$50, and discharg-
ed the sixth.

BOOKBINDING CLOTH THEFT.

CHINESE NO. 1 SENT TO PRISON.

The case concerning the theft
of some bookbinding cloth, by an
employee of the Der A. Wing Com-
pany, 9A, Duddell Street, book-
binders, which was adjourned yester-
day, again came before Major
Willson at the Central Police Court
this morning, when another man
was charged with the theft.

Yesterday, an apprentice was
intercepted by a supervisor, when
on his way to a tea house in Wel-
lington Street, with a parcel and
when the parcel was opened it was
found to contain the cloth. When
enquiries were made, the boy said
that the No. 1 man in the book-
binding department had ordered
him to cut off the cloth, and wait
for him with it outside the tea
house. The boy was charged
with the theft yesterday when it
was stated that the No. 1 man ad-
mitted the boy was acting under
his orders, and this morning the
No. 1 man appeared to answer the
charge. The boy appeared as a
witness.

The boy, who is the foki of the
defendant, said the defendant told
him he had spoken to the manager
about the cloth, and ordered him
to cut a length off, and wait for
him with it outside the tea house.
A foreman said the defendant
showed him the cloth, and asked
him what the price was. Witness
replied that he did not know, but
the manager would tell him. He
did not authorise the defendant to
take any cloth away.

The defendant said he wanted
the cloth to put on a table for the
New Year, and the foreman gave
him permission to take some away.
Defendant was sent to prison for
three weeks with hard labour.
Major Willson said he did not think
there was sufficient evidence to
convict the boy, who was dis-
charged.

MOROCCAN WAR.

A CHIEF'S SUBMISSION.

Paris, Jan. 26.
The submission of Kaïd Ali,
of the Benfouraghel tribe, is de-
finite. He has placed in Fez all
his fortune, thus depriving Abd
el Krim of important treasure.—
Indopacifi.

LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

TO-DAY'S MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited held this morning was largely attended.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard occupied the chair, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, Father L. Robert, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubbay (directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary), Messrs. H. T. Bagrum, E. M. Raymond, J. Arnold, Capt. A. C. Kennedy, H. Birkett, R. L. Bridger, A. Murdoch, P. S. Cassidy, T. G. Weall, R. M. Austin, P. C. Polts, P. M. N. da Silva, J. E. Joseph, H. Ruttonjee, D. V. Stevenson, Frank Austin, A. S. Nissim, Ho Kom-long, Kelly Sayce, J. M. Alves, M. Henderson, D. J. Purves, F. Pollock, D. Lyon, F. G. Agaz, A. M. da Silva, G. A. Ribeiro, R. E. Desai, F. Laurel, A. J. C. Rocha, F. M. Pereira, G. H. Piercey, C. L. Rocha, C. S. Remedios, E. E. Osmond, E. B. C. Hornell, O. F. Ribeiro, D. MacMurray, F. M. Ellis, E. Abraham, E. A. Simon, J. P. Grose, G. Puncheon, F. A. V. Ribeiro, G. H. Carvalho, E. Henderson, R. M. G. Silva, J. M. G. da Sousa, B. C. Randall, J. F. Wright, G. E. V. Osmond, J. Baptista, E. Sadick, H. J. Laron, N. L. H. Raiton, and A. H. Polts, (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report, have been in your hands for some days and, with your permission, I propose to follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The balance of Profit & Loss Account this year amounts to only \$1,043,016.15, compared with \$3,183,237.51 for the previous year. But this latter amount included large profits on sales of property and shares. If these are eliminated, it will be found that the net revenue amounts to \$1,023,216.15 in 1925 compared to \$986,449.55 in 1924, or an increase of \$36,766.60 in 1925.

In his speech at this meeting a year ago, my predecessor told you that no sales of property had been effected since August, 1921, and added that the existing state of the property market did not indicate that the Company would find sales a material source of profit in 1925. This forecast proved entirely correct and the only sale made during the year was of a house at the Peak. It could not, of course, be expected that the property boom would last many years and your Directors were quite prepared for the reaction, which has set in.

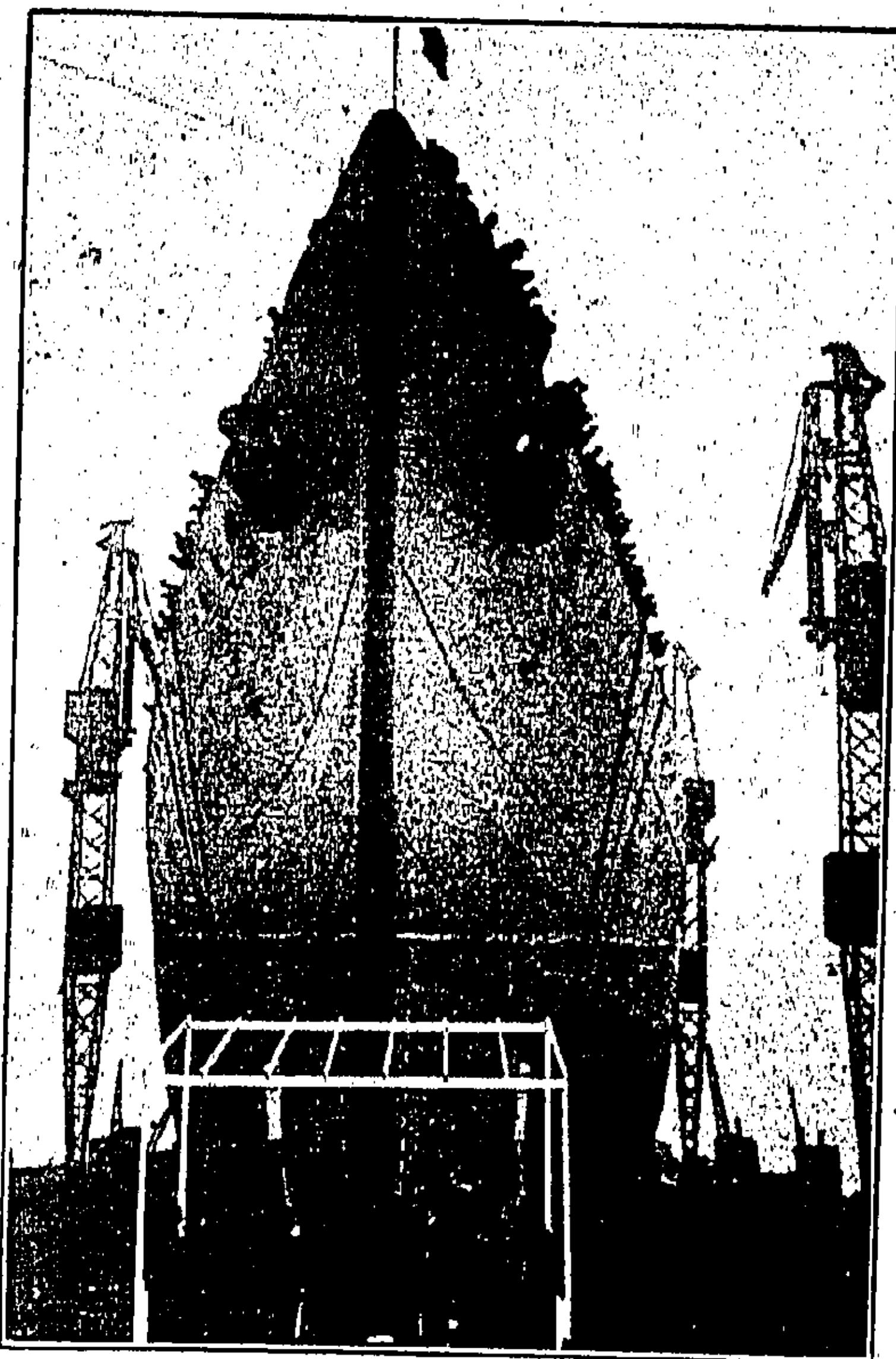
Turning now to the accounts: Accounts Receivable at \$575,868.52 is high compared to \$268,896.57 on 31st December, 1924. Both these figures include the sum of \$225,000 due in respect of the sale of some Praya East Reclamation Rights. As a rule, a mortgage is executed for such a sale and the amount included under "Amount Advanced on Mortgages." In this instance, however, no mortgage deed was drawn up, but we retained the documents as security. This account also includes rents due and interest on mortgages. The former are about normal, there is a substantial sum outstanding in interest. Your Directors have considered these outstanding carefully and are of opinion that they will all be paid but that, in any case, the security is adequate to cover them.

An interim dividend of \$2 per share has already been paid, and your Directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share absorbing \$480,000; pay a bonus to staff of \$8,000 and carry forward \$848,140.53, which includes \$773,124.38 brought forward from the previous year. Last year we were able to pay a bonus of \$2.50 per share in addition to this dividend, but we had substantial profits from sales of property and shares to draw upon, which we have not got this year. The carry forward will be \$76,016.15 larger, and this year Directors consider only prudent in view of our large outstanding, although, as I have already said, they regard them as sound.

I do not think, Gentlemen, that there are any other matters that call for explanation and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

As there were no questions, the Chairman put the adoption of the

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SECONDERS SPEECH.

Mr. T. G. Weall:—Gentlemen, I feel sure that in seconding the motion from the Chair, I have your unanimous support. The Chairman has just informed us that in spite of no profit from sale of property or shares, the net revenue shows an increase of \$36,766.60 for the year. Under conditions that have been ruling in this Colony for the past six months I consider this result to be highly satisfactory. Although all of us like to receive bonuses when conditions permit, the Directors are to be sincerely congratulated upon the Balance Sheet laid before you to-day and the distribution they have been able to recommend. With these few remarks, gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of Accounts as circulated.

Mr. Kelly Sayce:—I should like to say a few remarks on behalf of shareholders of this Company. I must congratulate the Directors that in these hard times you have been able to distribute the usual dividend making in all \$4 for the year 1925, knowing that we are passing through a most difficult period for the Colony with no liquid cash. But we hope soon that it will come and that the sun will shine again and that the Directors will take us into their consideration in the coming year and give us the usual bonus as they have done in the past.

As there were no questions, the Chairman put the adoption of the

report and accounts to the meeting, which expressed its unanimous approval.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

On the proposition of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at the remuneration of \$750 each, on the proposition of Mr. J. T. Bagrum, seconded by Mr. R. L. Bridger.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow.

EUROPE'S PROBLEMS.

BRIAND AND CHAMBERLAIN TO MEET.

London, Jan. 26.

Importance is attached to the forthcoming conversations between M. Briand and Sir Auston Chamberlain who is expected in Paris from the Riviera on Jan. 27. It is presumed that they will discuss German disarmament, the admission of Germany into the League, the strength of Allied forces in the Rhineland, and probably the question of a postponement of the preparatory Disarmament Conference at Geneva, which at present is fixed for February 15.—*Reuter.*

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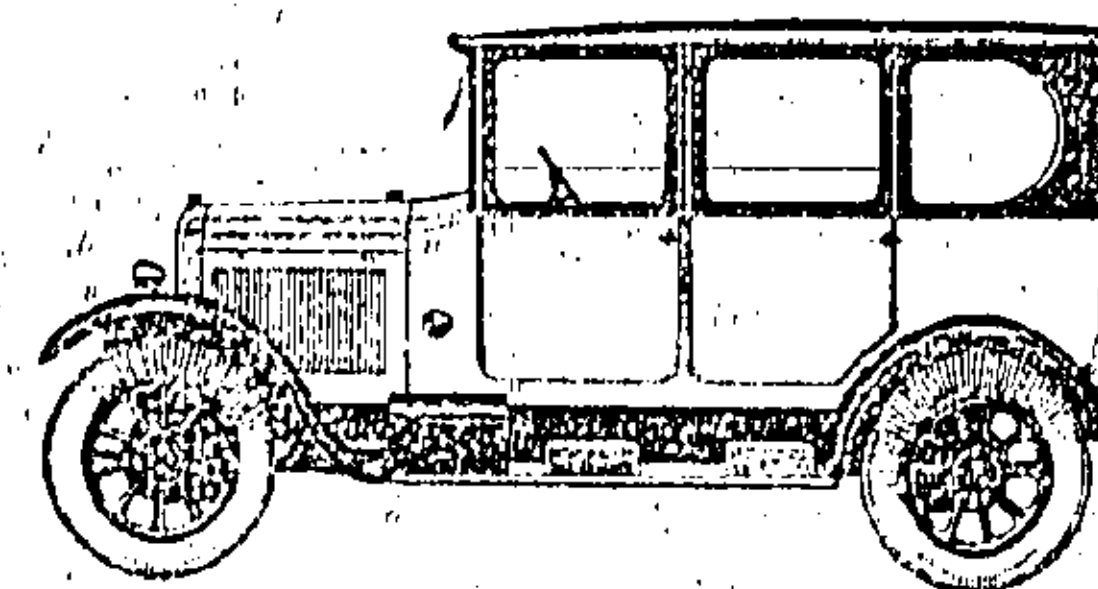
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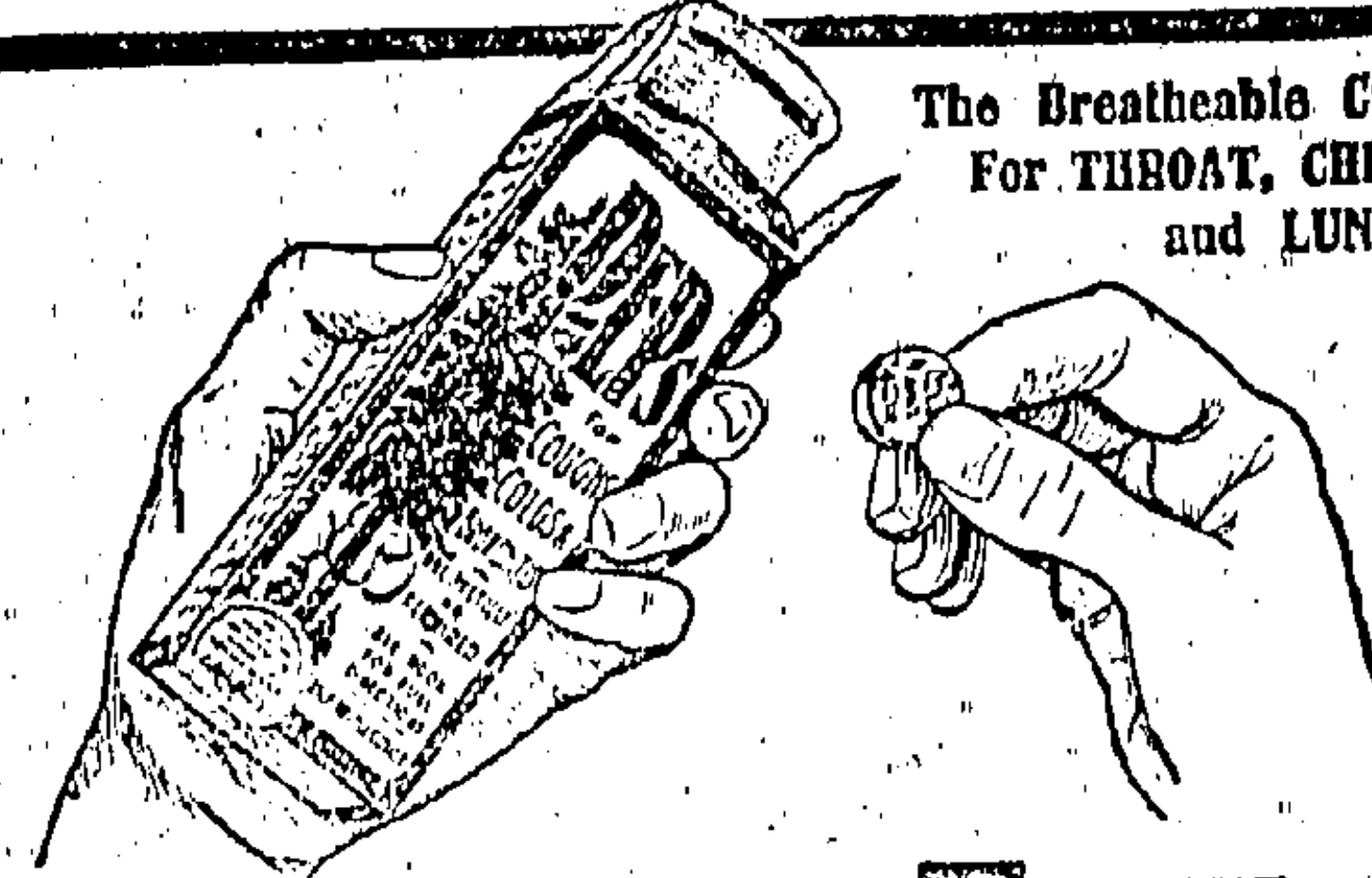
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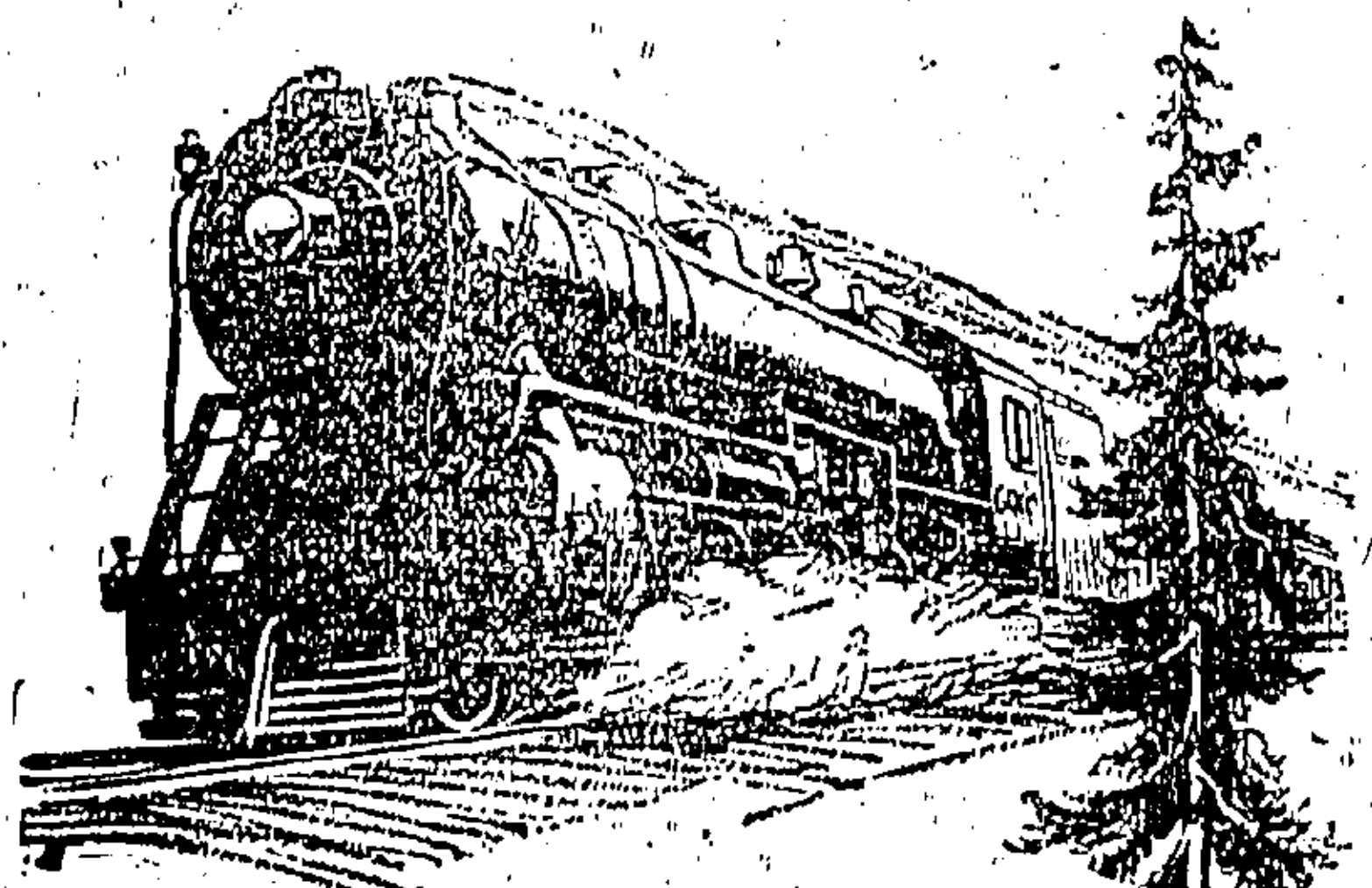


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A RENT CLAIM.HOUSEHOLDER AND EXCESS
OF STANDARD RENT.

Judgment for Landlords.

In the Summary Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Wood heard an action brought by Mr. Addison Hargreaves of 4 Chatham Road, against the Tong Ho Company, real estate agents, for the return of \$964 being rent paid by the plaintiff to the defendants in excess of the standard rent in respect of 4 Chatham Road.

Defendants counterclaimed for \$424, being rent in respect of the first floor of 4 Chatham Road, for December 1925, and January 1926, payable in advance, and rent in respect of the ground floor of the same house for November and December last, payable in arrears.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. M. M. Watson for the defendants. Opening his case Mr. Strellett said he claimed that the standard rent in respect of 4 Chatham Road was \$100 a month. So far as the history of the premises could be traced there could be found no evidence that there had been any alteration in the rating of the premises. This claim had been paying \$120 in respect of the first floor and \$92 in respect of the ground floor. He admitted the counterclaim.

Mr. J. Baxto said he formerly owned 4 Chatham Road, from 1912 to 1923. The rent was \$100 a month exclusive of rates. The premises were assessed at \$109 and when he left in 1923 there had been no higher assessment.

Plaintiff's Evidence. Plaintiff was called. He said he resided there with his wife and five children. At first he occupied the first floor, taking it on September 28, 1921. The Tong Ho Co. were the owners and no furniture was provided. Another person occupied the ground floor when he went in. He agreed with the defendants to pay \$120 in respect of the top floor. In October 1925, he was informed by the tenant of the ground floor that he was going and witness saw the defendants and arranged to take over the ground floor. The rent was \$80, but before he took over it was increased 15 per cent. to \$92. No alterations or repairs to the building had been carried out.

A Collapsed Verandah. In cross-examination, witness said he paid the top floor rent in advance and the ground floor rent in arrears. It had been agreed between himself and the landlords that the rent of the top floor be not increased. He considered that the landlords could not increase the rent. The landlords had done no repairs. He had been forced to do some to keep the place together. The verandah had fallen down and he had to get it repaired. He represented his case to the P. W. D. and they compelled the landlords to pay for that.

Defendants' Case. Mr. Watson called Kwok Pui-cheung, the manager of the defendant firm. Defendants bought the premises in question in 1923, said witness. They were empty and he arranged the letting. He let the first floor to Mr. Arnold for \$150 a month. Some months later he let the ground floor for \$80 a month. The rates on the premises amounted to \$30 a month. In September 1924, the top floor was let to plaintiff at \$120 a month. Later plaintiff took over the ground floor at \$92 a month.

Cross-examined, he said 4 and 5 Chatham Road were semi-detached houses. Some repairs were done when the houses were bought by defendants. Nothing was done to separate the ground from the first floor.

Mr. Strellett for the plaintiff referred to a similar case which had been decided by Mr. Justice Gompertz in which the standard rent was \$35 and one room was let for so much as \$77 to a sub-tenant. The judge after referring to the question of apportionment in the Home courts, said there was no special power given by the Hongkong Ordinance to effect apportionment. He found accordingly with evident regret that was no doubt a very serious omission from the Ordinance, but he thought there could be no dispute about the intention of the legislature and if the law was against his client on that point he submitted that there was inherent power in the Court to apportion a sum which was payable.

Bound by Early Decision. His Honour: But I am bound by that decision.

A PROMISING ARCHITECT.HONGKONG BOY STUDYING IN
LIVERPOOL.

Two Interesting Efforts.

Friends of Mr. G. A. V. Hall, who a few years ago was at the Hongkong University and later played cricket for the C. R. C. and the Kowloon Cricket Club, will be interested to learn that he has taken up architecture as a profession and is now in his third year at the Liverpool University School of Architecture.

Mr. Hall is a younger brother of Mr. William Hall, Architect, of Messrs. Abdoolrahim & Co. He has a natural talent for drawing and some of his efforts have been published here.

In a recent number of the *Building News* appears some of the students' efforts, including a suggestion by Mr. Hall for a Golf Club house, such as might replace that burned at Happy Valley. The *Building News* says: "A highly attractive design for a golf club house in Hongkong by Mr. G. A. V. Hall, a third year student, shows a symmetrical composition in the Chinese manner—the tiled roofs with the sculptured features at the extremities of the ridge giving an appropriate air of rusticity to the building."

Mr. Hall has also prepared and sent out elaborate plans for a suggested club house for the Kowloon Cricket Club. The plans in this case are for a symmetrical European style of building providing for a roof garden, billiard room, card room, dressing rooms and everything requisite for a club house, including open and covered terraces for viewing the sports. The design is a very attractive one.

BRITISH POLITICS.SIR ALFRED MOND LEAVES
THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Rugby, Jan. 26.
Sir Alfred Mond, hitherto one of the most prominent members of the Liberal Party, has addressed a letter to Lord Oxford, leader of the Party, announcing that he has severed his connection with the Liberals and proposes to join the Conservative Party.

In his letter to Lord Oxford he states: "The position of the Liberal Party has been steadily drifting from bad to worse. Unity, which we have striven for and which I did my best to promote, has in fact never been achieved, and all efforts to revive and re-organise the Liberal forces have been rendered hopeless by the introduction by Mr. Lloyd George of a land policy which has produced a new, profound cleavage and embarrassment in the Liberal ranks."

He adds that he is absolutely opposed to the policy of agricultural land nationalisation which is revived in a resolution to be submitted to a land convention next month by the Liberal executive. Recognising how divergent are his views on this fundamental question of principle, from those of a large and influential section of the Liberal Party, he states that the only course open for him is to sever his lifelong connection with the Liberal Party.

Labour-Aldo.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's recent speech on the question of a suggested alliance between the Liberal and Labour parties, Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking yesterday at Burnley, said that whatever happened the Labour Party would not purchase Liberal support by a betrayal of its principles, lowering of its ideals or mutilation of its programme.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. Strellett pointed out that in the section of the Ordinance dealing with the 8 p.c. increase allowable on premises where certain repairs and alterations were made, there was nothing expressly stated about apportionment although he understood that it was the custom of the Court to apportion the payment of that extra amount. He asked his Lordship to come to the conclusion that in whatever portion of the premises a tenant lived he be not liable to pay more than the standard rent for the whole of the premises, which he submitted, was \$100 in this case. These were two separate lettings and he submitted that the standard rent attached to the premises rather than to the lettings.

His Lordship said he would not call upon Mr. Watson and entered judgment for the defendant on claim and counterclaim with costs.

INDIAN KILLED.KNOCKED DOWN ON WAY
TO WORK.

Accidental Death Verdict.

The death of an Indian guard, who was knocked down by a motor lorry at Causeway Bay, was investigated by Major C. Willson and a jury at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

The evidence showed that the man, Jaginder Singh, was on his way to work about six o'clock at night. He was knocked down by a lorry and died almost immediately.

Dr. E. P. Minett, Government Bacteriologist and Officer in Charge of Mortuaries, said he performed a post mortem examination and found that in addition to numerous cuts and bruises on the face and forehead, the man sustained a fracture of the upper left arm, three fractured ribs on the upper part of the right side, and two fractured ribs on the lower part of the right side.

In addition there was a complete rupture of the liver, it being torn completely across. He also sustained a fracture across the base of the skull, and died from multiple injuries and shock.

Conflicting Evidence.

In reply to a question by Mr. A. S. C. Brooks, who appeared for the owners of the lorry, witness said there was no trace of alcohol in the stomach.

An Indian policeman who gave evidence said the front part of the rear side of the lorry struck the man, and he was knocked found and then fell on the ground. Witness estimated the speed of the lorry at about 20 miles an hour and said that the lorry pulled up about 15 yards from the spot where the man was knocked down.

The driver of the lorry estimated his speed at about eight miles an hour, and said he was able to pull up in a few yards. The men were playing about in the road.

Evidence was also given which showed that the brakes of the lorry were in good working order. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and exonerated the driver from blame. They added a rider to the effect that they recommended the police should insist on a device on lorries which would limit their speed.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR
CALENDARS.**FIRST OF THE SEASON'S
SCROLLS.

Fairies And Fishermen.

"A carp may at a single leap ascend the Dragon Gate and become a dragon," says an old Chinese proverb. And so the fairies who ride dragons are said also to ride carp. Hence the carp is looked upon as a sacred fish spelling good luck and foretelling good fortune and prosperity. The carp, either alive or in picture, takes a prominent part in welcoming the God of Wealth during the Chinese New Year festivities, and lucky is the merchant or politician who may happen to have a small pond on his premises which he may stock with carp, thus to entice his way the spirit of good fortune at all times, and especially at the dawn of a new year.

A portrait of a carp attributed to Tang Ying, the famous artist of the latter part of the Ming Dynasty, who lived over 500 years ago, has been reproduced in the artist's true colours, deeply softened inks, delicate gold tones with light gradations predominating, a work of art especially pleasing and denoting what is possible for an apt hand to do with such a common subject as a fish. The carp is leaping the waves by moonlight and the picture might well be titled, "The Birth of the Dragon," the clever artist having seemingly caught his subject in the very act of mounting the Dragon Gate, for sprouting horns are seen glistening in the golden moonrays.

These pictures are issued in lieu of the conventional calendar by the proprietors of the Fisherman brand of cod-liver-oil (Scott's), and a limited supply has been placed in the hands of local dispensaries for distribution to those who buy the preparation advertised, and who may also be lovers of the art of old China. Messrs. Shewan, Tomes are local agents for Scott and Bowne.

POSITION IN EUROPE.MR. BALDWIN REVIEWS
BRITAIN'S WORK.

More Hopeful Outlook.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

In his speech in London last night, prior to his departure for Scotland, the Prime Minister dealt with the record of the Government during the past year, and laid special emphasis on questions of local and national economy.

He said that the past year had witnessed a notable advance in the European situation. The Dawes plan had achieved an initial success. It was of the greatest importance, because it marked in Germany a definite achievement of two things—a balanced budget and stabilized currency. For the moment German business was finding itself embarrassed by a not unnatural credit stringency, and they were face to face now with their own problem of unemployment. All hoped that this would pass, because it was realised now that we do not want poor neighbours but prosperous neighbours, if the commerce of Europe is to progress.

In France, conditions to-day exhibited a sharp contrast. There had been a considerable decline in the exchange value of the franc, and this was giving French industry a new, though he believed a temporary, advantage in many competitive markets.

Temporary Dislocation.

Britain had found in iron, steel and coal what this meant, but their hope was that so far as they were concerned dislocation ought to be temporary.

In Italy the past year had been one of steady progress, and activity. General satisfaction had been caused by her settlement with America on liberal terms, of her debt. He had every hope that the negotiations now proceeding between Italy and Britain may be brought to a successful issue.

Perhaps the culminating point in the appreciation of Britain's political stock abroad was reached last month, when the Treaty of Locarno was sealed in London. He was only too well aware that the spirit of Locarno had to the translated into continuous action, but it was in that spirit that they had sent Lord C. I. to Geneva to take part in the Disarmament Conference. The Government realised the difficulty of that problem, but all were pledged by the treaty to attempt it with sincerity and with frankness.—*British Wireless.*

Y. M. C. A. DEBATE.SHOULD BACHELORS BE
TAXED?

The first debate to be held at the new European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, proved an undoubted success last night. The subject discussed was, "Should bachelors be taxed?" and the rival partisans brought forth lucid and telling points to demonstrate their opinions.

The Rev. T. B. Powell opened the argument in favour of additional taxation for bachelors, while Dr. G. W. Hollings led the argument against the proposal. There were able seconders on both sides, and the members present participated in the discussion. Many of the speeches were characterised by bright, humorous passages, and even ancient history was brought forward to substantiate the arguments of those in favour of taxation for bachelors.

When the vote came to be taken, those in the affirmative were heavily beaten, the figures being: In favour, 12; against 27.

**NEW AMERICAN
GUNBOATS.**CHINESE GOVERNMENT CON-
CERN TO BUILD SIX.

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Although in excess of the offers of two well-known British yards here, the tender of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works, (a Chinese Government concern) to build the six new American gunboats, which the construction congress recently authorised, at \$154,000 per vessel, has been accepted.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company tendered G.\$107,500 and the New Engineering and Ship-building Works tendered \$184,000.—*Reuter.*

INTERNATIONAL RADIO.S. O. S. AND EARTHQUAKE
INTERFERENCES.

Successful Opening Night.

New York, Jan. 26.

Despite interferences caused by S.O.S. calls from the British steamer *Laristan*, which was being abandoned off Halifax, and which caused all American stations to suspend transmissions until 10.30 at night, and by an earthquake which caused fading, last night's opening of the third international broadcasting test was declared by the Radio Week committee to have been a greater success than the first night of last year's Radio Week.

At least twelve hundred listeners are already known to have heard the music broadcasted from England.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH RAILWAY DISPUTE.HOW STRIKE WAS
AVERTED.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The railwaymen's decision to accept the award of the National Wages Board was carried at last night's meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen, by forty-one votes to thirty-six. The issue was a straight one, and non-acceptance of the award would have involved the Union in a strike, for the railway companies at a conference held earlier in the day had made it clear that they intended to give effect to the Board's decision. The reply of the companies to the men's representations stated, that they themselves had been intensely disappointed at the finding of the Board, in view of the financial condition of their undertakings. It added that the unions had brought forward no new considerations, and that to re-open the case would strike at the root of collective bargaining.

Railwaymen's Leader Satisfied.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech last night, declared that he was satisfied he had not made a mistake in advocating peace. A railway strike would definitely have put back the clock at a time when the country had passed through the worst stages of depression, and when there were prospects of prosperity reviving.

He added that he was proud he had succeeded in his pacific endeavours, for he believed he had done the right thing for the railwaymen and for the country.—*British Wireless.*

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Peking, Jan. 26.

The Russian embassy states that M. Ivanov has been released and a satisfactory agreement regarding the transportation of Chinese military forces has been reached between Chang Tso-lin and the Soviet Consul-General at Mukden.

According to Russian reports, a Chang Tso-lin-Soviet agreement was signed at Mukden on Sunday night, as follows:

Firstly, the release of M. Ivanov and others; secondly, the restoration of normal traffic; thirdly, the cost of Chinese military transportation shall be paid from China's share of the Chinese Eastern Railway profits; fourthly, military transportation shall be in accordance with the railway's regulations; fifthly, compensation shall be paid for damages and losses to the railway through the recent incident, and also other claims shall be considered later.—*Reuter.*

TARDY JURYMAN.FINED FOR BEING LATE AT
DEATH INQUIRY.

Mr. E. M. Eca, who had been summoned as a juryman for a death inquiry which was conducted at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday, had not arrived when the inquiry was opened.

He arrived in Court ten minutes later, and when asked by the Coroner why he was not present at the time fixed for the inquiry, he said he had been delayed by missing a ferry from Kowloon.

Major Willson said he should have taken steps to ensure that he would be at the Court, on time, and fined Mr. Eca \$10.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE INTERPORT FOOTBALL TEAM.

[BY "WANDERER"]

Most people who fancy themselves at putting odds and ends together, making hash, or fitting jig-saw puzzles, have during the past few days made an attempt to pick the Interport football team, to visit Shanghai, and the ideas in some cases are really amazing, to say the least. The player who has been "honoured" by his inclusion in one of these particular fancy sides, cannot of course be condemned for the fact, but he deserves no sympathy if he goes round bragging about it.

The job of the Interport selection committee this evening is not quite so difficult as the mention of jig-saw puzzles would infer. They have the material at their disposal if it is used in the right way.

It would suggest that the question of the goalkeeper and backs has already been decided. It would be invidious to go into the merits and demerits of Clark and Rodger, but if one places them on a parity for all else, Clark must be the goalkeeper because he could get a ball which would be six or seven inches out of Rodger's reach.

The two most capable backs in the Colony are "Paddy" Wynne and Frank Wheeler. It is a little unfortunate that both are right backs, but it is difficult to understand why a number of different players have been suggested for left back, when Wynne has signified his willingness to cross over to allow the inclusion of Wheeler. Surely no one will suggest that Wheeler is not worth his place in the team; it will be a great mistake if he merely goes as a reserve.

In the half-back line the problem is a pleasurable one in the respect that it is that we have four men of high standard for the wing-half positions. Mitchell played a wonderful game at right-half in the second half of Saturday's trial and presuming he maintains that form to-day on the Club ground, he must be preferred to Leung Yik-tong. This is having consideration for the likelihood that the going will be heavy at Shanghai.

McKelvie and Bristowe will play to-day for the left-half position. Bristowe did not give of his best on Saturday; he was hurt early on, I am given to understand. McKelvie's principal claim lies in his experience and in his knowledge of Sims. For I am presuming that Sims will be the centre-half. Sims has no equal in the Colony as an attacking half, and in defence there are few who anticipate in the same spontaneous manner. Sims' interceptions are often so clever that they give the impression that the ball went to him instead of vice versa. I saw somewhere a comparison of his fitness with that of Jimmy Stewart, but that is merely humorous to those who know Sims. The Club won't hear that Sims is a better player than Jimmy Stewart, but while admitting that the difference in their standard is largely one of finish, I think Jimmy will have to give way. Of course if Stewart is selected he will go to Shanghai with our every confidence that he will do his capable utmost to justify his inclusion.

In the course of the many brass-rail debates on the forward line, which admittedly presents a formidable problem, much has been said in regard to the probabilities that the ground will be heavy, and the comments have been directed principally to the outside right position. But if this point has to be considered in respect of one position, it must be considered in respect of all. One wonders how Gosano, for instance, would take to the heavy going.

Humberstone, too, has been adversely commented upon, but I would quote the words of a Hong-kong back who is more than likely to be a member of the side. He said "I want to see Humberstone out against players who don't know his play." There you have the position in a nutshell. Humberstone has five pet methods of evading the defence, each is artistry; you have to think seriously before

SCOTTISH CUP.

RESULT OF RE-PLAYS.

London, Jan. 26.
The following are results of replays in the Scottish Cup competition:—

Johnstone 0 Solway Star 3
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RIFLE SHOOTING.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE MATCH.

Hawkins, Dockyard, and
Defence Corps.

A triangular match was shot off at Tai Kok Range on Sunday and resulted in a win for H.M.S. Hawkins against H.M. Dockyard and the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The scores were as follows:—

Name	200	500	600	Total
A. B. L. Ring	29	30	30	89
P. O. A. C. Thomey	27	31	29	87
"H. Shenton	26	32	28	86
"A. Lewry	25	30	29	84
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	30	25	29	84
L. S. S. Trowbridge	31	31	21	83
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	24	29	23	76

Plus 6% for open sights 41
Total 717

Name	200	300	400	Total
Mr. W. Garrett	27	31	23	81
"W. Cook	29	33	21	83
"J. Jefford	27	27	31	85
"F. Young	27	26	27	80
E. Edwards	25	30	25	80
A. Worth	25	27	23	75
"W. Latham	23	23	30	76
"S. Wickenden	23	29	19	71

Plus 6% for open sights 4
Total 647

Name	200	300	400	Total
Mr. D. Reid	32	30	29	91
"N. L. H. Ralston	31	31	27	89
"D. Goodfellow	29	30	23	82
"M. H. Wallace	25	26	28	79
"J. A. Lyon	27	29	22	78
"C. H. Summers	26	24	22	72
"R. Goodman	23	27	20	70
"F. Goodman	25	26	16	67

Plus 6% for open sights 4
Total 652

H.M.S. Hawkins won by 70 and 62 points.
*Aperture sights.

FANLING HOUNDS.

SATURDAY'S MEET.

We are asked to state that the meet of Fanling hounds on Saturday will be at the stables at Kwanti, at 10.30 a.m. and not at Sheung Shui Police Station, as previously announced.

tackling him; and if he is given a chance to get in his shot, the goalkeeper is speedily aware of the fact. I suggested a team some weeks ago. In the interim it has not suffered any change except in the half-back line.

My team would be:—
Clark;
Wheeler;
Wynne;
Mitchell;
Sims;
McKelvie (or Bristowe);
Charlesworth;
Gosano;
Humberstone;
Butler;
Mackleworth (or Hayes).

The "ors" are entirely dependent on this afternoon's trial.
The teams for the game to-day are as follows:

Colours: — Clark; Wheeler, Xavier; Mitchell, Sims, McKelvie; Charlesworth, Humberstone, Gosano, Suen Kam-shun and Hayes.

Waites: — Rodger; Wynne, Bishop; Leung Yuk-tong, Stewart, Bristowe; Taylor, Palford, Howard, Butler and Mackleworth.

The colours have the better eleven on paper, but, of course, the result is of secondary importance.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,060 b.
Chartered, £213 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £291 n.
Mercantile C., £134 n.
P. and O., £91 n.
East Asia, \$85 n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$590 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.25 n.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$253 b.
Yangtze, \$35 b.

Fire Ins.
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Hongkong Fire, \$600 s.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$33 s.
Steamboats, \$24 s.
Tugs, \$44 n.
Indo-China, \$38 n.
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Waterboats, \$16 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$31 s.
Malabons, \$48 n.

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Bongqua, \$150 n. ex. div.
Kailans, 44/- b.
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Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8 n.
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Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$123 s.
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Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$71 b.
H.K. Lands, \$82 s.
Realists, \$5 b.
Territorials, \$6 b.
Humphreys, \$137 n.
Princes Bldgs, \$150 n.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.
Ewos, Tls. 91 s.
Orientals, Tls. 3 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 58 s.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$10.75 b.
Canton Ice, \$74 n.
Cements, \$15.50 b.
China Buses, Tls. 104 b.
China Lights, \$12 s.
China Prov., \$8 s.
Constructions, \$3.00 b.
Dairy Farms, \$174 s.
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Electricity.
Macao Electric, \$40 n.
Developments, 30 cents, b.
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United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons (Old), \$121 b.
Watsons (New), \$121 b.
Powells, \$12 s.

FRENCH PROBLEMS.

CHAMBER RESUMES DEBATE.

Paris, Jan. 26.
The Chamber has again discussed the financial projects. General opinion is that the Government will not intervene decisively before next week.

On the initiative of M. Herriot, a meeting of vice-presidents, treasurers and secretaries of the Chamber was held in the morning to draw up the basis of a plan of the reorganisation of Parliamentary work which will then be submitted for the approval of the group boards.

The union of big French Associations has made an appeal to the communes, federations and groups of corporations for agreement so that the country may secure financial liberation.—*Indopacif.*

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Paris, Jan. 26.
At a meeting of Ministers, M. Daniel Vincent set forth the conditions of collaboration in the Franco-German economic negotiations. At the end of the meeting, M. Doumer declared that he hoped that the discussion would not continue indefinitely, as the hour for a solution had arrived.—*Indopacif.*

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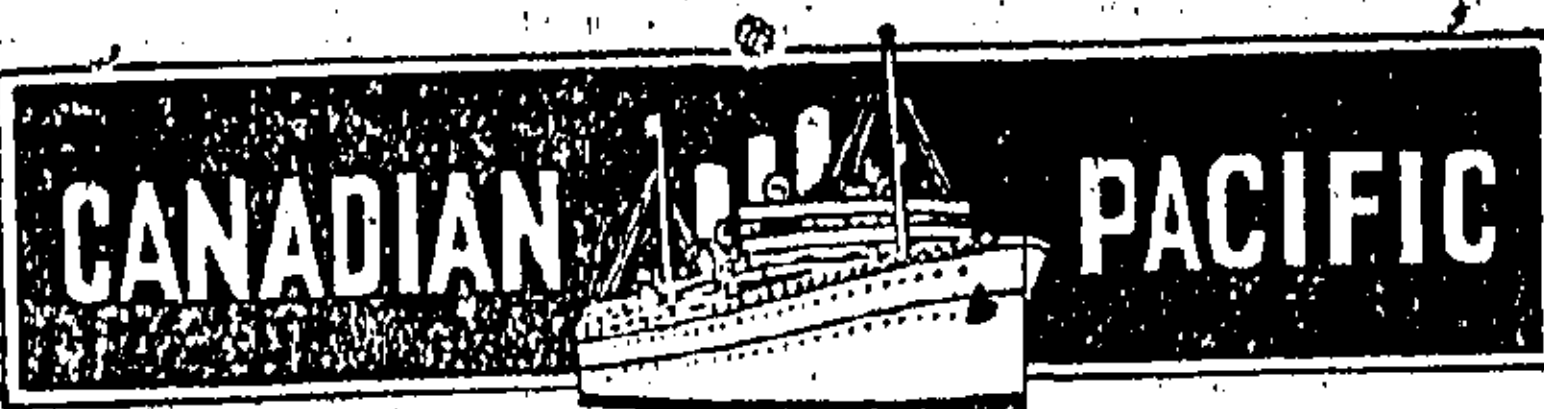
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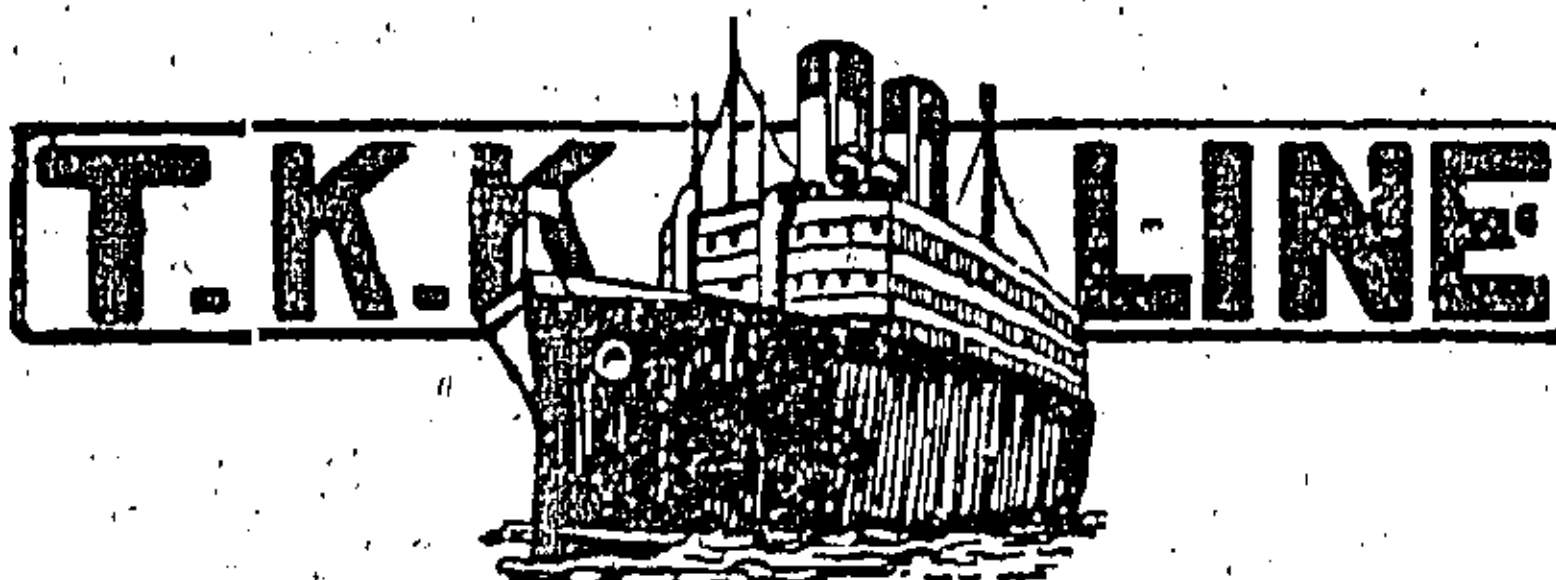
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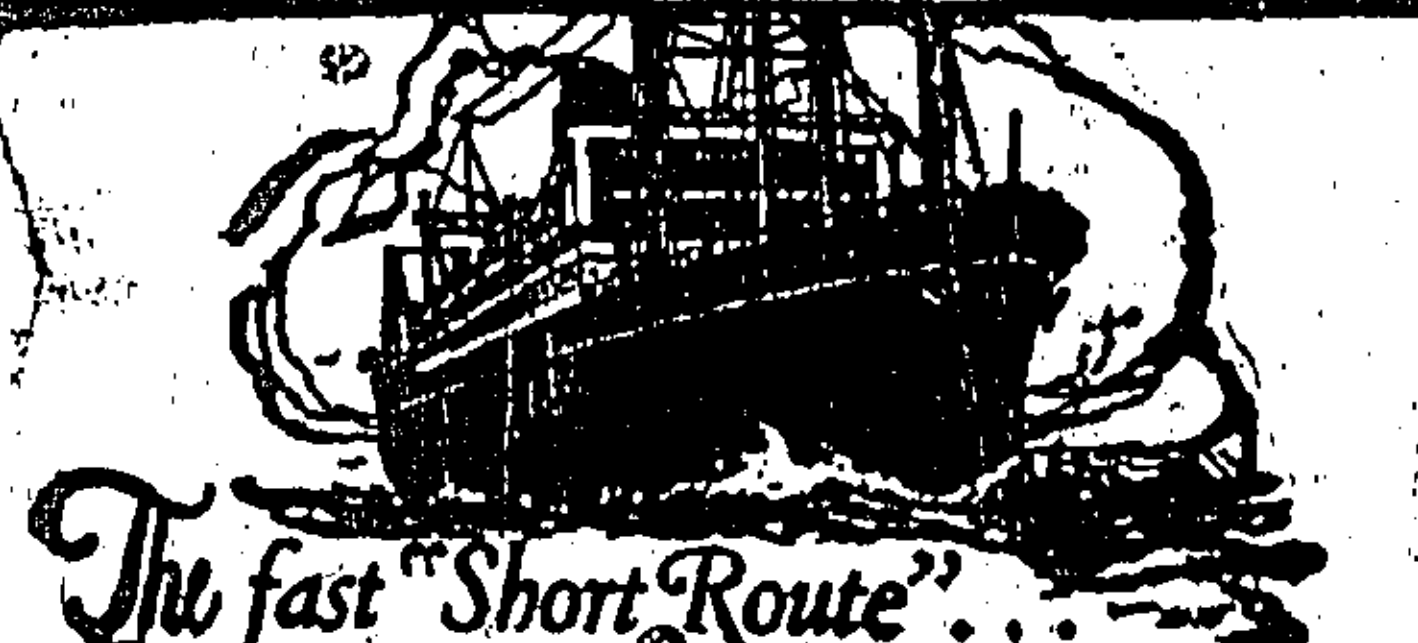
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WING LOK STREET.

Central Fire Station was called by the Wing Lok Street fire alarm at 8.15 yesterday morning to attend an outbreak at premises occupied by a dealer in birds' nests and other Chinese comestibles. The fire boat was also despatched to Wing Lok Street wharf, but the shore equipment was able to cope with the fire, and at 4.30, with three motor pumps in use, the blaze was under control.

The entire contents of the three floors which comprised the building, were burnt out and the roof has fallen in. The walls, however, remain standing. There was no loss of life or injury to persons on the premises.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore advising that the rubber market is quiet and that raw rubber is quoted at \$1.08 per lb. They also quote the following prices:

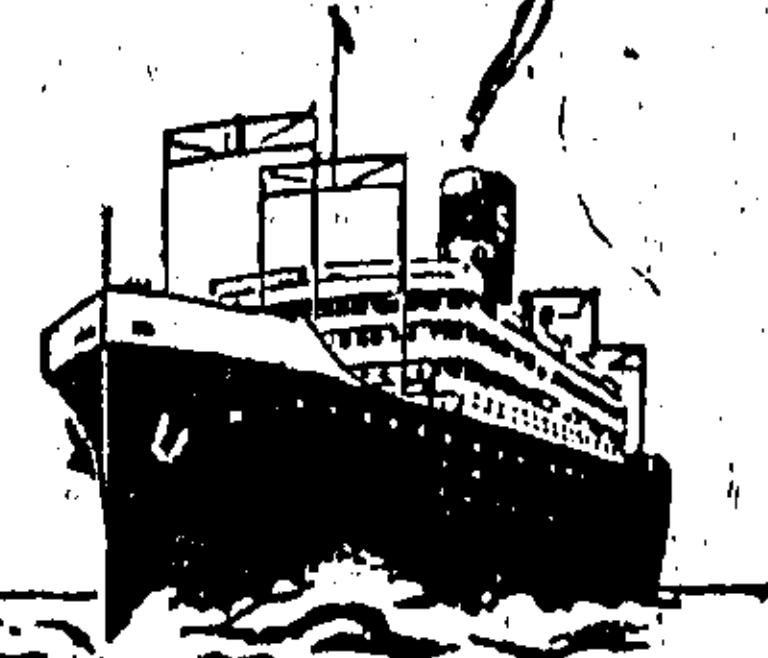
Ayer Panas	\$14 70
Glencolles	2.70
Bangwines	5.25
Jimaha	2.25
Kodahs	4.00
Lunas	17.00
Malaka Pindas	2.00
Malakoff	5.05
Now Serendang	4.75
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Bills of lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 26th instant at Noon will be subject to rent and lading charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday, the 29th inst. or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 26th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No fire insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSER.

Agent.

Hongkong 20th, Jan., 1926.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Saturday, the 30th inst. or they will not be recognised.

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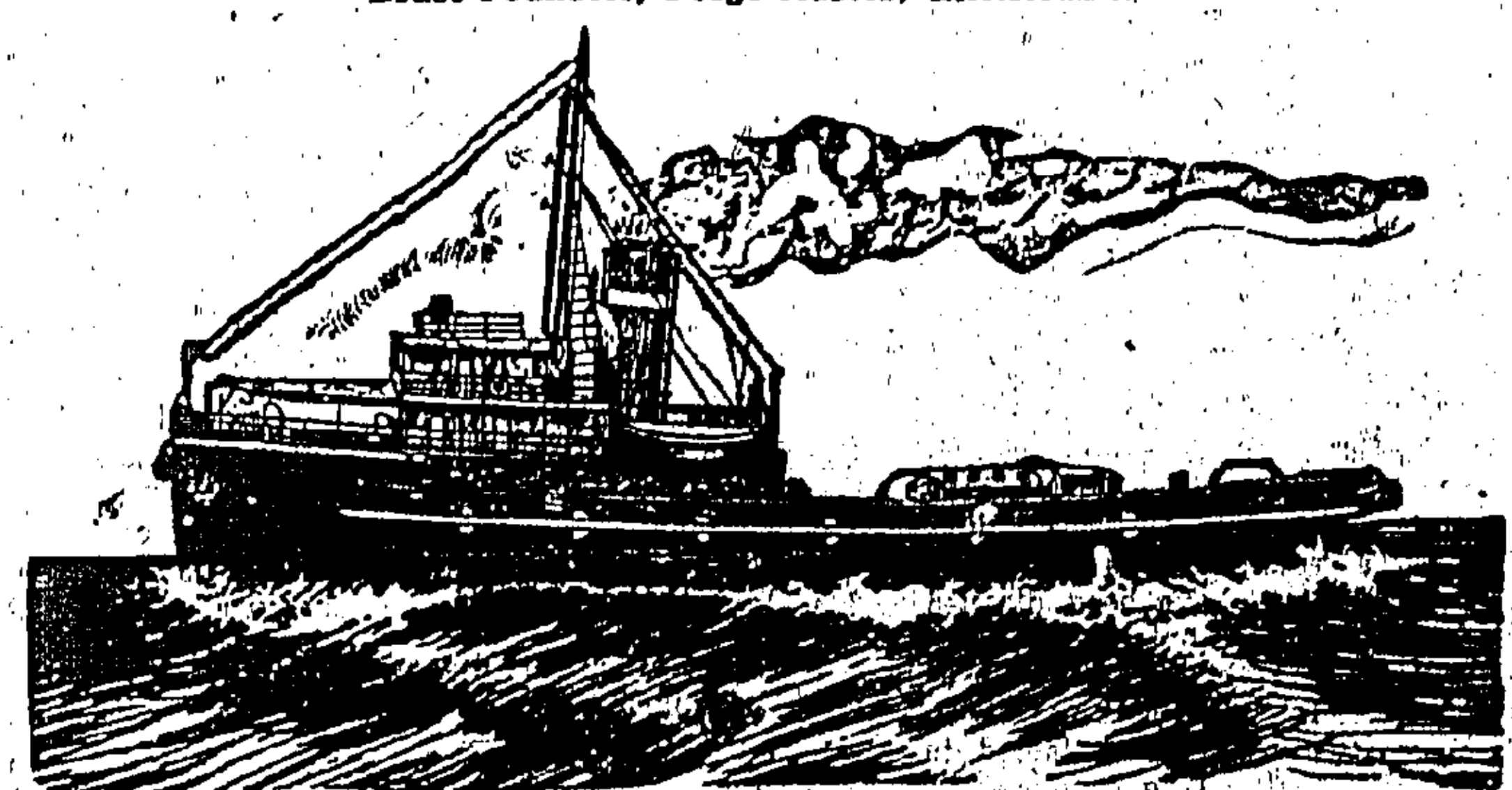
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MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MIRZAPUR	6,715	18th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
KARMA	9,128	20th Feb.	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
NAOPORE	5,283	2nd March	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MANTAI	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHAIR	8,985	18th March	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	20th March	Marseilles & London
MOBEA	10,918	3rd April	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	15th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
MACDONIA	11,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
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TALAMA	8,018	22nd Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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KASHMIR	8,805	6th Feb.	S'hai & Kobe
TANDA	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yoka.
TALMA	10,000	17th Feb.	Kobe

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S.S.	Destination	Date
S.S. "OANFA"	via Suez Canal	7th Feb.
S.S. "CITY OF RANGOON"	via Suez Canal	16th Feb.
S.S. "CITY OF CHRISTIANIA"	via Suez Canal	28th Feb.
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KAMAKURA MARU End of Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo Saturday, 30th Jan.

HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 10th Feb.

WAKARA MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

KANGAWA MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA Wednesday, 17th Jan.

TANOO MARU Thursday, 27th Jan at 5 p.m.

EUWA MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

SADO MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

NAOANO MARU Tuesday, 2nd Feb.

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Shanghai	Lian	January 27.
Straits	Sawa Maru	January 27.
Australia and Manila	Change	January 28.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	January 29.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only)	Pulda	January 29.
London 31st Dec. 1925.	Pres. Cleveland	January 29.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	January 31.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Adams	February 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Sibiria Maru	February 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	February 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tanda	February 5.
Australia and Manila		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Fort Bayard	Sun Li	Wed. Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Wed. Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Yusang	Wed. Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Yokohama Maru	Thurs., Jan. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Ninghai	Thurs., Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Pres. Madison	Thurs., Jan. 28, noon
	Parcels	Registration 2.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.50 p.m.
		(Due Victoria, B.C. 16th February).
Singapore and Amoy	Van Cloon	Fri., Jan. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Manusang	Fri., Jan. 29, 12.30 p.m.
Japan	Yokohama Maru	Sat., Jan. 30, 9 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

TRADE OUTLOOK.

MR. McKENNA'S OPTIMISM.

London, Jan. 26.
The Rt. Hon. Mr. Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the London Joint, City and Midland Bank, speaking at the annual meeting, spoke confidently as regards the future of British trade. The exceptional depression through which the country had been passing was largely due to temporary financial conditions and he had strong hopes that these were now coming to an end. The vitality of British trade had not been seriously impaired by its struggle against adverse conditions and there was no ground for anxiety regarding the future. The transition to the gold standard had been entirely successful from the standpoint of exchanges, though it had seriously injured our export trade; but this impediment was fast disappearing. —*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY.

Rugby, Jan. 26.
Mr. Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, presiding at a meeting of the Midland Bank, struck a confident note in speaking of Britain's commercial future. Dealing with the period of depression from which the country has been suffering he said: "It is not unusual for writers on the present condition of England to discuss signs that the productive capacity of our country in competition with other nations has passed its zenith. I confess I do not share this opinion. Through all these years of trade depression we have, still been the greatest exporters of manufactured goods in the world. Our trade has had to struggle against adverse conditions but its vitality has not yet been seriously impaired. There is always room for improvement and these years of depression have been a testing time for us. The exceptional depression has been largely due to the temporary financial conditions and I have strong hopes that these are now coming to an end."

After a close analysis of the effect of Britain's policy and the return to its gold standard, Mr. McKenna declared that "it is idle now to discuss whether the object in view was worth what we have had to pay for it. Let us be content that the goal has been reached and let us revive the hope, for which there is a good foundation, that we may reap the reward in future." —*British Wireless.*

EMPIRE SETTLEMENT.

PRINCE OF WALES' APPEAL.

London, Jan. 26.
The Prince of Wales has made a call for settlers in the overseas Dominions. His Royal Highness said: "This great mighty stream, which forms in personal flesh and blood a link that will stand any strain put to it, is a stream that must swell and must grow; that must be on the one hand for the good of this over-populated Old Country and on the other hand for the good of the Dominions with their virgin regions with possibilities which are immeasurable." The Prince appealed to people to take up settlement on the land overseas as a definite career and he said he would like to see great public scope for settlement and development. He paid a tribute to the work done by the churches, the Salvation Army and other bodies in assisting poorer fellow countrymen and women to settle overseas. Women, he said, had a big part to play in Empire settlement. The help of wives was vital to husbands in many cases. It was his hope that always the right men and women would be encouraged to help to populate the mighty places of the Commonwealth. The question of emigration could not fail to appeal to any one who had travelled in the overseas Dominions. In all his own travels he had never seen finer or happier children through out the Empire. —*British Wireless.*

NEW PROPOSAL.

London, Jan. 26.
Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, replying to a deputation from the Royal Colonial Institute on the subject of overseas settlement, made a new proposal in regard to the training of emigrants. He thought that there would be considerable advantages in a short period of testing and rough training in this country before the emigrants left, not only for men but also for families and single girls. —*British Wireless.*

SEARCHING FOR PIRATES.

A SHANGHAI OPINION.

An increased indication of the activity that is now manifest in Shanghai in connection with pirates is the fact that during the last few days some vessels which have arrived from Hongkong have been thoroughly examined, and their passengers thoroughly searched, immediately they have reached this port, says *Shipping and Engineering* of Jan. 22nd. These searches, we understand, although carried out with meticulous thoroughness, failed to reveal either any potential pirates or concealed weapons; but that fact must not be allowed to give rise to the impression that such searches are useless. Of course, as we have stated time and again, if the China pirate wants to board a ship at any special port and get arms on that ship, he is going to do so, search or no search; but the knowledge that if he is coming to Shanghai to embark on one of his professional undertakings he may be subjected to a most careful search and he is required to give a full account of his past activities and future plans, will certainly make him more careful.

It is doubtful, however, if anything that can be done or is done at the ports will ever have the effect of eliminating, or even curbing the activities of, the pirate. The only basic cure, as has been emphasised time and again, is the destruction of the pirates in their lair at Bias Bay, and unless and until this is accomplished they will continue to be an ever-present danger to every coasting ship playing in these waters.

NO SITTING DOWN FOR MEALS.

INHUMANE ORDER IN CHINESE MILL.

An interesting strike has just broken out in the Yu Hwa Cotton Mill, which is one of the big Chinese-owned cotton-mills in Wanchang, says the *N. C. Daily News* correspondent at that city, under date of the 16th inst. The following details are taken entirely from an account in the Chinese press, and not from any hearsay. The trouble arose from an order published by one of the foremen, that the employees should in future take their meals standing, in order to save time, and that any worker who was found sitting down to a meal would be fined. The employees immediately set about raising a protest against this inhumane regulation, and 30 representatives were chosen to discuss the matter. At this, the management of the mill sent for the police to come and arrest the agitators. One of the latter, named Wang who had been taking the lead, was taken to the police station and put in prison. The workers were annoyed at this high-handed action, and put forth a number of demands. These were, the release of the imprisoned man, Wang Hai Shan, the dismissal of the foreman, an increase of wages, and a promise that the overseers should not be allowed to ill-treat the child-employees in the mill. These demands were summarily refused by the Manager of the mill, who roundly accused the workers of "Bolshevism." Further news is not yet to hand.

BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

LATEST FRENCH DEMAND.

Paris, Jan. 26.
In view of the astonishing fresh attitude of the Hungarian authorities, M. Briand has addressed to M. Clinchant instructions ordering him to insist that the Government authorises the French representatives to assist at the cross-examination of the accused in the bank-note scandal. —*Indopacifi.*

TURKISH MONOPOLIES.

NEW LAW PASSED.

Angora, Jan. 26.
The Chamber has passed laws giving to the State the monopoly for the import of sugar, sweets, petrol, and benzine, the purchase and sale of which remain free in the interior of Turkey. —*Indopacifi.*

THE FRENCH DEBT.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 26.
Apropos the recent visit of M. Berenger to Mr. Mellon, the Treasury declares that no date was fixed for an interview between the Ambassador and the Debt Commission and that this interview will not take place in the near future. The Treasury adds that M. Berenger informed Mr. Mellon that he would like, first of all, to submit complementary particulars to the information already in the possession of the Treasury relating to the situation of the debt of France and her capacity to pay. It is believed that these particulars are chiefly statistical, completely revising the information already sent, including the last budget of revenues of France. —*Indopacifi.*

TYRE PRICES.

ALLEGATIONS OF PROFITEERING.

New York, Jan. 26.
An allegation that American tyre manufacturers are profiteers and that their outcry against Britain is only camouflage to deceive American consumers, is the latest development of the rubber controversy.

Mr. Shallenberger, a Member of the House of Representatives, in demanding an investigation into the causes of high prices of rubber tyres in the United States challenges Mr. Hoover's estimate that seven hundred million dollars worth of rubber were imported into the United States during the first eleven months of 1925 and says that the figure, according to the monthly commerce summary, was 365 millions, while all the big tyre companies show a greater net profit in 1925 than in any previous year. —*Reuter's American service.*

ANGLO-ITALIAN DEBT.

COMPLETE AGREEMENT REACHED.

London, Jan. 26.
A complete agreement has been reached regarding the funding of Italy's debt to Britain, and the document will be signed tomorrow. —*Reuter.*

"ARABIAN PENINSULA."

A KING'S INTENTION.

London, Jan. 26.
According to the *Daily Telegraph's* Cairo correspondent, King Nejdib contemplates attempting the conquest of a part of Hedjaz, rendering him sole master of the Arabian peninsula. —*Indopacifi.*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been informed by the head of a Scottish firm who in 1920 surrendered for a period of five years all interest on £100,000 War Stock that he desires to continue to surrender his interest for a further five years. The Chancellor of the Exchequer desires publicly to express the gratitude of His Majesty's Government for this generous gift to the nation, and their warm appreciation of the patriotism which has inspired it.

Record figures have been reached in Canada's export trade with both the Straits Settlements and the Dutch East Indies this year. The total shipments from Canada for the first six months of the present fiscal year ending October 1925, to the Straits Settlements are valued at \$2,100,032. The total value of Canadian shipments to the Dutch East Indies has, however, reached much higher proportions for the same period, \$1,311,775. Since that date, shipments from Canada to Java, have been phenomenally large. For example, Canada shipped to the Dutch East Indies in the month of October 1925, 927 motor cars and trucks; 1,204,000 worth of rubber goods; nearly forty-eight thousand guilders worth of automobile parts. Everything points to the fact that this will be a record year in Canadian exports to this area. Canadian manufacturers are also now obtaining a footing in the Siam market.

Entertainments.

The Phantom of the Opera
at the
The QUEEN'S

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
in
A WIFE'S ROMANCE
The STAR

STRONGHEART
IN

The Love Master
THE WORLD

CHESS WIZARD.

CAPABLANCA IN LONDON.

Capablanca, world's chess master, took a considerable amount of walking exercise at a chess tournament in London recently in which he played 45 opponents.

He arrived from Moscow in the morning, walked—and played—in the afternoon and evening, and finished up a perfect day by dining in Soho as the guest of the Maccabeans Club.

It was the Maccabeans who arranged the slaughter of the innocents. But some of the innocents strongly objected to being slaughtered, and when the whistle blew the final score was:—

Won. Lost. Drawn.
Capablanca. 34 . . . 4 . . . 8
Those who hauled down the colours of the Cuban were Y. Rivkine, R. E. Goldstein, M. Goldstein and J. Evinberg. The brothers are looked upon as coming men, and Rivkine, who is only 15, was naturally elated.

These feats of brain strength took place in the gilded hall of Newman's Galleries, Newman-street, W., where the Rest were seated on the outside of a rectangle of tables.

Inside and above the rectangle strode the redoubtable Capablanca. The clash of tea-cups and the hum of small talk caused him no concern.

The chess champion is an active young man, with none of the fetishes of the intellectually mighty. He has black hair and wears tan shoes, with a grey suit and a soft collar.

EIGHT MINUTE LAPS.

He strides around the arena with one hand in his pocket. With the other he grips the bishops and the pawns and places them where he knows they should be.

He walked around and around, his average turn of speed being 8 min. 1 sec. Sometimes he looked at his opponent; more often he did not. But when he looked at his man it was obvious that he had something particular in store for him.

Schemings which had caused agonised moments on the part of the Rest were dissipated in a second by the swift decision of the wizard.

One man went down in five moves; another in 12.

Half-time arrived and tea was taken. Capablanca put both hands in his pockets and left the arena.

"I am still chess champion of the world," he told an interviewer and will remain so until I am challenged and beaten."

"And why is it," he was asked, "that we cannot produce a chess master in Britain?"

Capablanca smiled sweetly, and said in effect that he hadn't the remotest idea, adding: "You may find him if you have several great tournaments in this country. That is the only way."

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